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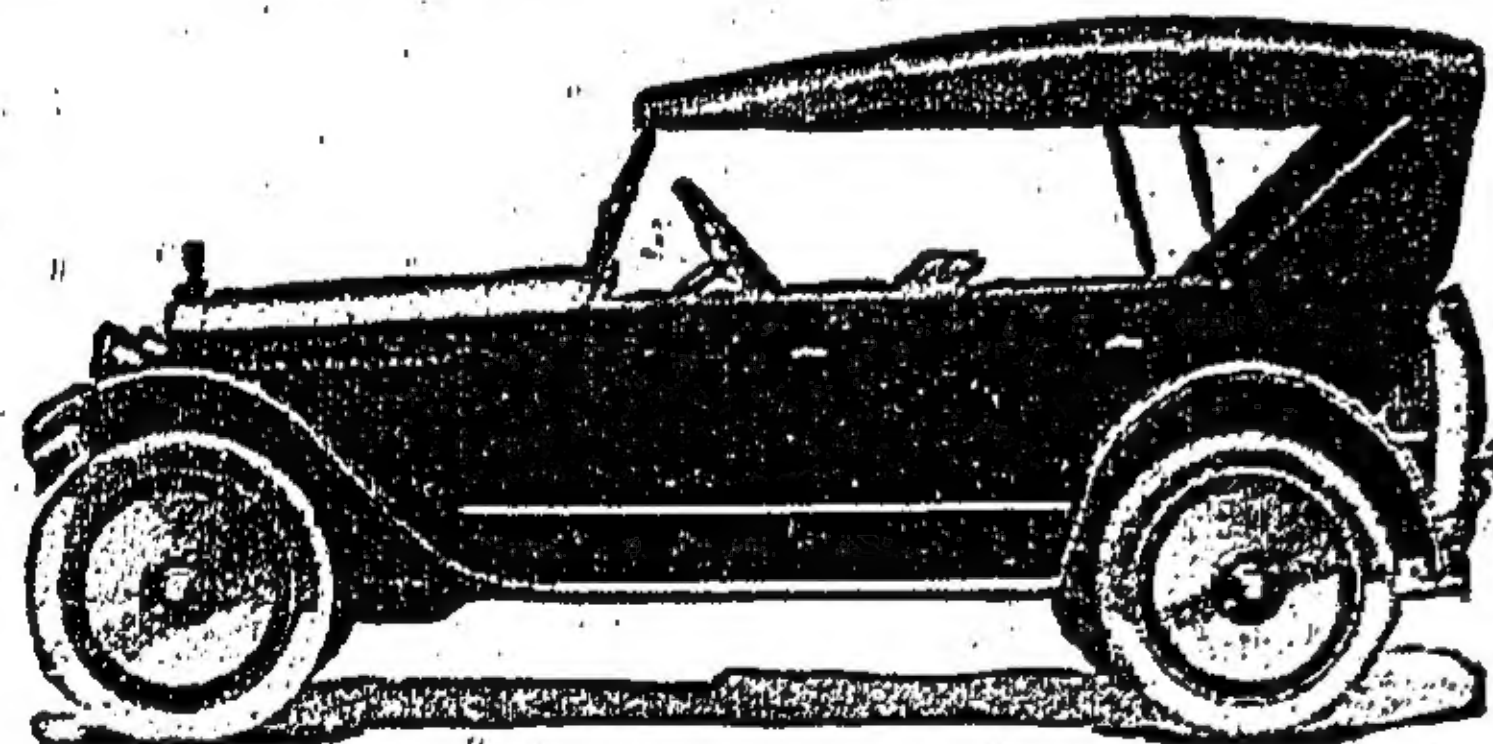
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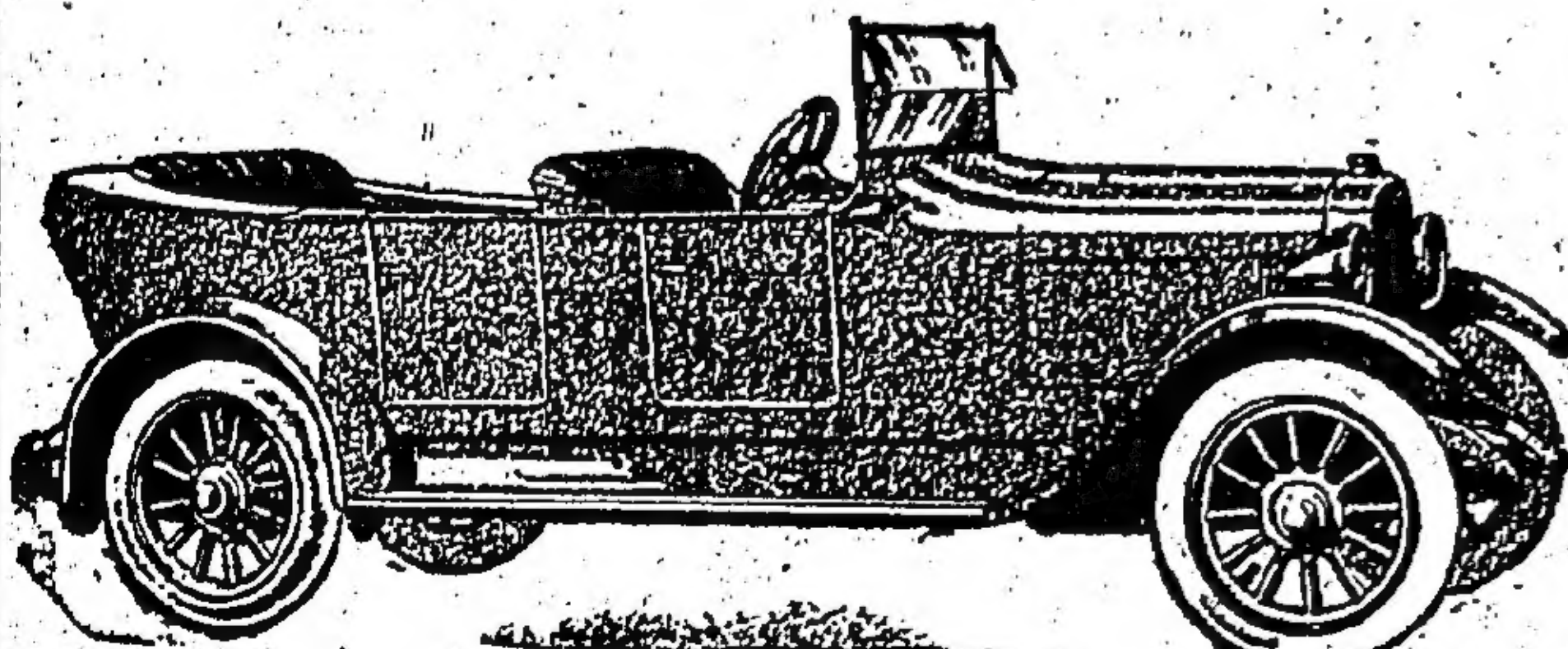
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## SCOTTISH LETTER. CIVIC HONOURS FOR LORD ALNESS AND SIR R. HORNE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

EDINBURGH, March 14th.

Edinburgh has conferred the highest honour at its command, its "Freedom," upon two distinguished Scotsmen who have early as well as later ties of association with the town, its school, and its University—Lord Alness (Our Justice-Clerk) and Sir Robert Horne. It was particularly appropriate that the two new Free Burgesses should be honoured on the same day. They were associated at the Bar and have been colleagues in the Cabinet, and they are both "Sons of the Manse," one of the members from a Highland and Free Church stock, the other from a Lowland and Auld Kirk fold. And it may be added they are both of them "optimists," in their outlook on the secular as well as the ecclesiastical future of the country. Neither of them is a man who forms opinions lightly or speaks rashly: they have their share of the national gift of prudence along with far-seeing judgement; and each of them perceives, through "dark and somber prospects," the light of hope and of peace ahead.

Lord Alness, speaking from his experience as Secretary for Scotland, expressed his regret that the question of an improved status for that office had not been settled during his tenure, and he strongly urged upon Scotsmen not to rest until their grievance had been removed. Sir Robert Horne had also his wish of witnessing and taking part in a solution of the great reparations problem before he left office. It stands more starkly and menacingly than ever in the path of the peace and reconstruction of Europe, which, wanting peace, must "go on plunging nearer and nearer to disaster." We are in times of great anxiety, of grave misgiving and disquiet. But there is at least one star of hope—the increasing friendship between Britain and the United States. Sir Robert Horne has been over in America and in touch with its Government and people. It is not idle words that he uses when he says that he found the atmosphere entirely changed, and for the better. The two Powers having "made a settlement of their mutual transactions," the world is "scarcely any issue of modern politics upon which the two great countries at the present time do not see eye to eye." Sir Robert Horne expresses his profound conviction that, with the two countries pulling together, when the question of German Reparations comes up before them for discussion, as inevitably it must, "there will emerge a solution of those great troubles that at present afflict this distracted world." It is news brought from across the Atlantic by a sure and safe messenger that should give a fillip to drooping spirits, and re-kindle hope in the possibilities for world progress of Anglo-American co-operation.

WHO AND WHAT BROUGHT AMERICA IN?

More is likely to be heard regarding a remark made by Mr. Lloyd George during his Edinburgh visit. Speaking at the luncheon given in the Students' Union, the ex-Prime Minister said the discoveries of their Principal (Sir Alfred Ewing), the organisation that he set up, and what he discovered by means of that organisation, brought to our knowledge things without which the Fleet could not have operated successfully, without which it would have been difficult for the anti-submarine campaign to be carried out. "I say more than that," said Mr. Lloyd George, "it is his work that gave us the information which ultimately brought America into the war."

A Dundee man, Principal Ewing was educated there, and in the "Seventies" and "Eighties" held the post of Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Tokyo, after which he occupied a similar position in his native city. Subsequently he held the professorship of Mechanism and Applied Mechanics at Cambridge. He has been Principal at Edinburgh since 1918.

ANOTHER WALKER CUP.

There are now, by a happy coincidence, Walker trophies in gold on both sides of the Atlantic, and they are each identified with international aspects of the game. The American Cup is that which became for the first time last year the prize for the team match between the United States and Britain. The other, which has recently been presented to the Championship Committee of the Royal and Ancient Club by Mr. James G. Walker of Auchendrane, Ayrshire, is for annual competition between the representative teams of Scottish and English golfers. Our Mr. Walker, who has made this interesting gift to the headquarters club, has been better known in other sports than on the links, though his public action clearly shows his enthusiasm for the Royal and Ancient game. Mr. Walker is a Glasgow man, and it was at Loretto that he laid the foundation of a career noted in both cricket and Rugby, and at Oxford, whether he afterwards proceeded, he gained "blue" in both pastimes. He figured in the Scottish Rugby team against England in 1904, and against Wales in the following season, and he captained Middlesex in cricket. While he was resident in London he used to devote his leisure from his legal work to golf at Wimbledon. Now that the Scots-English feud has been restored to the list of fixtures, his gift is both thoughtful and timely.

A CHAMPION OF ROBERT BURNS.

An interesting ceremony reminiscent of Robert Burns' time took place in Anderston Burial Ground North Street, Glasgow, when a memorial stone was unveiled at the grave of Alexander Findlater, who was Supervisor of Excise at Dundee during the period that Robert Burns was an Excise Officer in Dumfriesshire. The Sandford Burns Club are responsible for the memorial, which is of silver grey granite.

Dr. Currie's Life of Robert Burns when published in 1800 did not give satisfaction to those who had known the poet; and when Mr. Peterkin issued a more just appreciation in 1914, Findlater wrote a vindication, which did so much to clear Burns' memory of the unjust aspersions. He protested against the severity of Currie's strictures, amplified and exaggerated as these had been by succeeding commentators, some of whom had strained every nerve to throw all kinds of obliquity on his memory.

Findlater was proud to testify that he had seen Burns almost every day about his business in Dumfriesshire, and he never saw him

unable to discharge his duties, except when laid aside by his last illness. Not only so, but he had seen him in his convivial moments and in the bosom of his family, and never saw anything like the enormities of which early commentators accused him. His friendship with Burns continued to the very hour of his death, for it is known that he sat up by the bedside of the poet the last night he spent on earth. Peterkin, it will be remembered, attached the utmost importance to Findlater's letter. He wrote: "It cannot be impertinent to mention that this gentleman stands so high in the confidence of the Board of Excise as to hold the highest office which it is in their power to bestow . . . Mr. Findlater's testimony is, without any exception, the very best perhaps that exists with respect to the general tenor of Burns' conduct during the whole time he was officer of Excise."

In the records of Somerset House Burns is entered as a diligent active officer. That probably represents the official report made by Findlater, who in the letter to Peterkin, referred to the poet as "exemplary in his attention . . . even jealous of the least imputation on his vigilance." The collector also wrote of Burns' convivial habits, his wit and humour, his social talents, and his independent spirit, as having been "reverted into" notions of "viciousness; but one hardly needs to read between the lines to see how human and lovable Burns was in Findlater's eyes. Findlater, at any rate, was no Baedekian acolyte, but a man of real religious feeling and brotherly sympathy. His published words and actions prove it. Indeed, if it were not so, he would not have been attracted so closely by Burns.

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SIR R. HORNE AS AUTHOR.

Every one who is anybody in the political world is doing it. I hear that the latest recruit to the ranks of the politico-literary is none other than Sir Robert Horne. One is glad to record the fact that his book is not about the war. Nor is it a personal series of revelations, with some such title as "Hillhead Idylls" or "From Parliament House to the Houses of Parliament." It is to be a series of studies of international economics in the manner of Bagehot. It sounds dry, but the book is to be for the ordinary reader as much as for the expert.

STOMACHS AND CARPET BAGS.

The late Sir Walter Raleigh was not always the learned Professor of Literature in Glasgow University. There is much sparkling nonsense in his "Laughter from a Cloud," just published. Here is one of his little flashes:-

Eat slowly; only men in rags  
And gluttons old in sin  
Mistake themselves for carpet bags  
And tumble victuals in.

DUNDEE'S PROHIBITIONIST.

I would prefer the joyous fatalism of Omar Khayyam to the bee in the bonnet of modern Dundee "was the laughter provoking dictum of Mr. C. W. Crook, who as a man of moderate opinions seconded the motion for second reading of the Lady Astor Bill making it illegal to sell intoxicating liquors to all persons "apparently" under 18 years of age. That was hard hitting at poor Mr. Scrymgeour, who, though he gave up his lunch and rose at every opportunity, was lunch called upon by the Speaker. His protests against this exclusion were met with the retort that he must leave it to the Speaker to perform his own duties. Mr. Scrymgeour, however, will have his chance next month, when he introduces his drastic Prohibition Bill.

OBITUARY.

At Temple Terrace, Dairy, Ayrshire, on the 4th March, Annie Allan, wife of the late James Taylor, assistant superintendent, Nippon Yusen Line.

## DISHONoured CHEQUES.

A Legal Correspondent, writing in The Observer, says:

The case of Smith v. Cox and Co., heard and settled before the Lord Chief Justice has apparently created a good deal of surprise in that it was held that because the plaintiff was a private person he could not get substantial damages for a dishonoured cheque, whereas, if he had been a trader such damages would have been recoverable. For the enlightenment of the lay public it may be useful to point out what principle of law this case really upheld.

It has long been settled that if a private person's cheque is dishonoured by a bank on the erroneous ground that the assets of its customer are insufficient to meet the cheque, that private person cannot ordinarily recover any but the nominal damages of a shilling. If, on the other hand, it should be a trader whose cheque is erroneously dishonoured, it is assumed in law that his credit as a trader may be impaired, that nominal damages would be no compensation, and that he is in consequence entitled to substantial damages.

But if the private person alleges and can prove special damage arising from the dishonour, then he is equally entitled with the trader to substantial damages. In some cases, of course, this can be shown. But in any case, in order to recover them, the special damage must be alleged in the claim and this was not done in Smith v. Cox and Co.

Lord Balfour, concluding his Gifford Lectures at Glasgow University, on February 16th, said that there must be part of any system which claimed to get out of the difficulty of the blind causation of natural results.

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HINDS AND CELTS FOR CUP FINAL.

The return game between the George Heriot's F.P.'s and Glasgow High School F.P.'s was probably the most interesting and exciting struggle seen in Glasgow this season. Incidents abounded from start to finish, and the crowning thrill came in the last few minutes, when Heriot's, in a minority of three points, their cherished record to all appearances as good as lost, initiated a daring attack from well within their own quarter of the field, which, catching the defence out of position, resulted in Kerr scoring a fine try after Green-shield had made the running; and, as Drysdale converted from the easy place, the record was saved. It was a characteristic last minute effort, and if it were bad luck on the home players, one could not help admiring the undagging spirit and determination of the visitors, which turned an almost certain defeat into a last minute victory.

This makes the Championship safe for Heriot's as they have now only Stewart's College F.P.'s to meet, and even should they suffer defeat in that game, which seems unlikely, they will still head the table. They are worthy winners, if they may not always play pretty football, they are full of grit and determination, and never seem to know when they are beaten. In some recent games the Heriot's have shown signs of stalemate. It is little wonder that it should be so, they have had a trying season. For them, to use the language of the "Association game, every match has been of the "Cup Tie" order, every opposition they have had to face have been out for their scalp, making a special effort against them.

Glasgow H.S. (F.P.) 9 Heriot's (F.P.) 11  
Edin. Academicals 3 Watsonians 3  
Royal H.S. (F.P.) 0 Glas. Academicals 24  
Hawick 8 Stewart's College 11  
Kelvinside, Acad. 8 Glas. University 13  
Greenock-Wand. 3 Hillhead H.S. (F.P.) 0  
Gala 5 Kelso 5  
Selkirk 8 Jedforest 0  
United Services 21 London Scottish 14

THE CUP—FOURTH ROUND REPLAY.  
At the third time of asking, Third Lanark qualified for the semi-final in the Scottish Cup, beating Dundee by 1-0. The teams were of moderate quality, and the success of the Third Lanark was as much due to the ineptitude of the Dundee forwards as to their own team work.

#### CUP SEMI-FINALS.

It is to be a "green" final for the Scottish Cup—Hibs versus Celts. The Glasgow Club qualified through confidence in their own powers. They started with plenty of this valuable quality, and it was increased by their goal in the first minute of the game. On the other side it was not Motherwell's forward day "on," which is the same as saying that the team as a whole was "off." In fact the Celts' victory was due to their coolness and method. Motherwell, appearing for the first time in a semi-final, found the occasion an ordeal, and their lost goal at the start settled matters. Hibernian's success over Third Lanark was not so convincing, the Edinburgh club's superiority being confined to the first 15 minutes when Dunn scored the only goal of the game, following an opening period of weak play by the defence of the Western team. Third Lanark more than restored the balance in the second half, when the Edinburgh goal was repeatedly assailed, but it was defended with great steadiness and resource.

Celtic 2 Motherwell 0  
Hibernian 1 Third Lanark 0

#### SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Notable results in the League were the defeat of Rangers at Kirkcaldy and the success of the Clyde over Kilmarnock. The loss of the points to Raith Rovers does not seriously perturb Rangers, their position at the top of the table being too secure.

Ayr United 2 Aberdeen 1  
Clyde 2 Kilmarnock 0  
Partick Thistle 0 Falkirk 1  
Raith Rovers 2 Rangers 0  
St. Mirren 4 Airdrieonians 0  
Dundee 0 Morton 1

### PRINCE AND BRITISH LEGION.

TO ATTEND CONFERENCE AND  
CENOTAPH CEREMONY.

Great interest is being shown in the annual conference of the British Legion, to be held at the Queen's Hall on Whit-Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The resolutions already to hand show that very live interest is being taken in the various aspects of the movement. The Prince of Wales, the patron, has intimated his intention of being present, and among other distinguished guests will be Marshal Foch, General Jacques, of Belgium and General Diaz, Italy, as well as several other delegates from other organizations with whom the Legion is affiliated.

In connection with the conference, a service will be held at the Cenotaph on Sunday afternoon, similar to last year, when the full choir from Westminster Abbey attended. The Prince of Wales will attend the ceremony and place a wreath on the Cenotaph.

Arrangements are also well in hand to hold a dinner at the Stadium Club, Holborn, the same evening, where all the delegates will meet and addresses will be given by distinguished guests. Field-Marshal Lord Haig will preside.

The second national rally of the British Legion will be held at the Empire Exhibition Stadium, Wembley, on July 14th next. The King has graciously presented a shield for an Empire relay race, for which the various Dominions have entered teams. The South-Western Area is trying to raise a team for this important event.

Southern American pastors are strongly opposing the marriage of divorcees, but do not feel that they are justified in refusing to perform the marriage ceremony for the innocent party. In order, however, to show that the Church does not wholeheartedly approve such marriages, the Chattanooga Pastors' Association have decided that in such cases the wedding bells are to be muffled.

### VIENNA HERSELF AGAIN

BENEFICIAL EFFECT OF THE LOAN.

In walking through the main thoroughfares of Vienna, of the Inner Stadt (the city) in particular, one is struck, says a correspondent of a London paper, by the comparative absence of the foreign element which used to be so familiar. It is not long since the capital was swarming with "Schleier" folk, not only home-grown, but also from the neighbour States, and only too often one could hardly help the impression of being in a place distressed of most things Austrian. At some theatres and variety entertainments, especially at the State Opera, the foreigner predominated, and it was declared that the world-renowned Vienna Opera House no longer exports for the Viennese. But now, owing to the absence of open-handed strangers, the management has been obliged to reduce prices, and the native population again crowds the big theatre.

The general feeling of economic insecurity has abated, and Vienna is gradually assuming her old familiar appearance and returning to her old character. Confidence in the Austrian currency has returned, and the foreign exchanges are no longer studied by crowds in front of the banking offices. The kronen deposits at the banks and savings banks show a continuous and very large increase. For some time now the peasants have begun to hoard kronen instead of foreign money. Moreover, the speculation in shares, stocks, and bonds has shrunk tremendously in consequence of the insignificant fluctuations in the daily quoted rates. While Germany is going through a tragedy and the mark has tumbled down, Austria keeps firm. Last, but not least, an abundance of foodstuffs in the markets has to be recorded.

#### THE DIMINISHING INFLUX.

It is of great interest to study the statistics concerning visitors to Vienna. In 1919, after the breakdown, some 300,000 persons came to the capital, in 1920 362,000, in 1921 404,000, and last year, when speculation reached the climax, 440,000. Of the last mentioned number 110,000 were Austrians and 330,000 foreigners. About a third of the foreigners were Czechs-Slovaks, a seventh Hungarians, a tenth Italians, and only 11,000 each English and American. From Australia there were 223. Even in December last the number of visitors had sunk by one-third, as compared with November, only some 15,000 foreigners appearing here. Compared with August, when the foreign influx was strongest, the December figure means a reduction by two-thirds.

#### THE LOAN AND THE OUTLOOK.

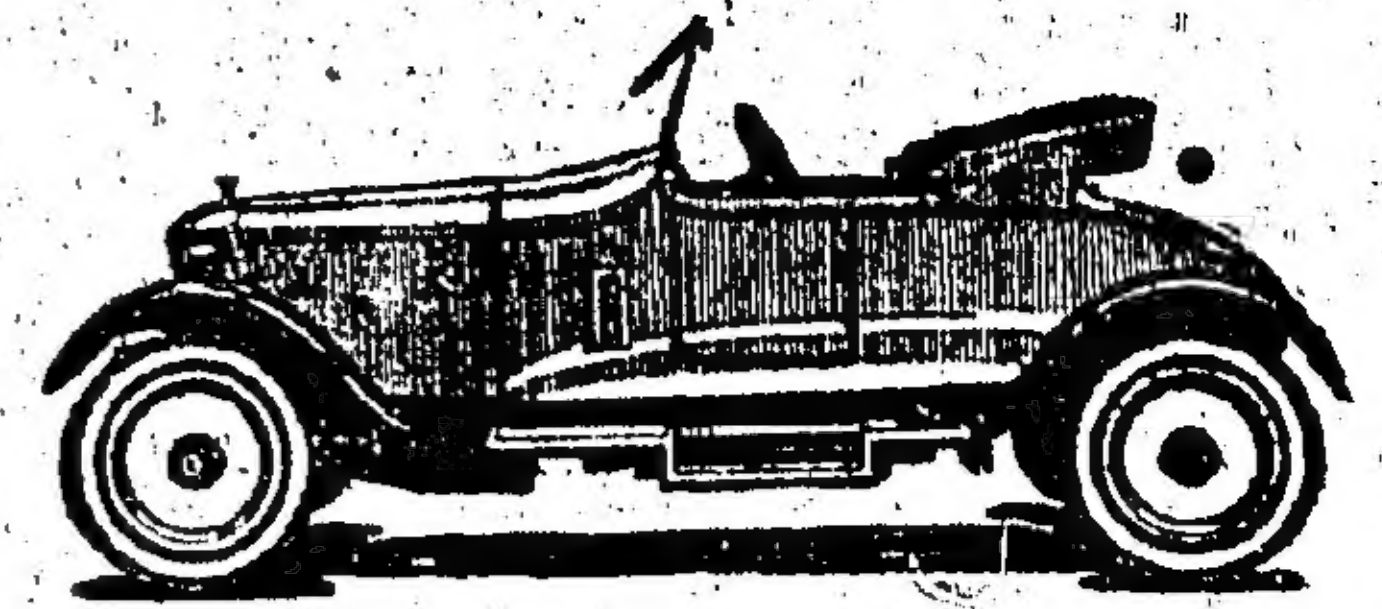
Apart from the many efforts of Austria, and Vienna in particular, at self-help in different directions, the great fact is the rehabilitation of this country by means of the international loan under the League of Nations, the excellent effect of the issue in London of the £1,800,000 Treasury Bills, and the very favourable result of the subscription. That the Bank of England has taken the lead is looked upon as an eminent proof of confidence in Austria, and much satisfaction is felt at the sympathetic attitude of the English Press. On his return from London, the Finance Minister, Dr. Kienböck, expressed himself significantly by declaring that the ground-floor of the finance work, as laid down at Geneva has now been built. Further, he stated that Austria has now gained a footing at six financial centres, and is in connection with the leading financial groups.

Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, the Comptroller-General, has an optimistic view of Austria's future, and will remain in his post here. In an interview he stated that there had never been such a fine loan—an international loan, in which the whole of Europe has partaken—although all the States are in financial difficulties. Under such circumstances he also believes in the success of the big loan, the chances of which seem to him very favourable. On the other hand, Dr. Zimmermann feels convinced that further radical reforms in the internal administration of Austria are necessary, that the number of ministerial posts and departments must be reduced, and that foreign experts are required in the handling of the tobacco monopoly, the official trade in this article having been badly managed.

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# MUSIC OUT EAST. THE WOES OF A VIOLINIST.

In the February issue of *The Strand*, the well known musical monthly, appears an article by Mr. J. V. Sharp on Some Musical Experiences Out East, which will be read with interest—and some amusement—by those who affect the playing of stringed instruments in this part of the world. Mr. Sharp writes:—

To one always very fond of music and an instrumentalist himself, the experience and unlooked-for occurrences in the musical way after a sojourn in a tropical country for some years, afford on glancing back some cause for amusement mingled with regret. The writer spent some ten years out in Malaya, only returning to the home country recently, and in this article intends, in a general way, to place before readers some idea of musical matters, such as they are out East.

Before proceeding further it would be well to mention a few facts concerning tropical heat, as it may be truthfully said that those who have never been "round the corner"—that is just Put Said—have a very vague idea of what trials and discomforts the Tropics can produce on one's health, temperament, and last, but not least, temper. In this country now, and then there comes a so-called "hot summer," such as in the year before last. To the Anglo-Indian this would be considered "just nice" to use a common expression, but to those who continually live in Northern and Western Europe such heat when it does come, proves often more than trying. To the musician especially if he is an instrumentalist, such an extreme and sudden change in temperature not only upsets him but also affects his instrument to a very considerable degree. When the thermometer reaches 80 or 85 degrees F. now and then in this country, great hardship more or less affects the whole community. Add another 10 or 15 degrees F. on and readers will have some idea of tropical heat (in the shade) in which Europeans in India or other Eastern countries live and work.

INITIAL HORRORS.

When leaving England for Tropics one is full of energy and vitality. This feeling lasts until the first excessive heat is felt on the outward voyage, probably in the Red Sea. It was here that the writer felt almost too listless even to open his violin case. The idea of playing was far too strenuous and even if enough energy was summoned after a great struggle with his artistic conscience to perform, what an experience! Both player and instrument become in a short time bathed in perspiration, strings break every few minutes, the E especially, which seems to get possessed of an unholy joy in causing as much trouble and annoyance as it possibly can under such trying circumstances. It is hard enough to breathe in such heat and to add insult to injury, the bow has a tendency to continually slithering over the finger-board, or slipping from one's hand, owing to the performer's fingers perspiring to such an excessive degree.

Readers may think that this description is exaggerated but in a liner out in the Red Arabian Sea, when the temperature ranges from 80 to 90 degrees even after sunset, and then everything, the vessel itself seems to exude heat into the bargain, the above trials experienced by an instrumentalist when performing are not out of the ordinary. This then is only a fore-taste of that which is actually undergone when one lands for good in Ceylon, India, Straits Settlements or whatever destination in the Tropics is intended.

A FEW DOXIS.

To anyone who has the intention of going out East, and who wishes to take his violin or violoncello with him also, a few hints gained from personal experience may not be out of place here.

(a) Never take a valuable instrument or bow out East.

(b) Don't take out a pile of classical pieces, sonatas, trios, etc.

(c) Take only enough strings to last from one port of call to another on the voyage.

(d) Last, but not least, don't travel to the Tropics with the idea that your musical abilities, unless you happen to be a first-class professional touring, will compel admiration or appreciation, as it is sad to relate, the greater bulk of Europeans out East do not like to have their brain taxed in any way whatsoever after working and trying to breathe during a long day of tropical heat in its true sense.

Returning now to the first hint (a) above, a few months stay in most Eastern climates will tend in nine times out of ten to "open" an instrument. One day the performer will hear (while playing) a rattling or buzzing sound emitting from his violin or violoncello as the case may be. To all appearances everything seems as it should be, but upon examining the instrument closely and testing carefully by tapping the finger-board perhaps the bass-bar will be found slightly loosened. This is the commencement of trouble and upon further examination the performer may find in places indications that the back or the belly of his instrument is beginning to part from the ribs in places. Unless the trouble is seen to at once, with the aid of glue and clamps, the mischief once started goes apace.

To give an actual example of how the unexpected happens as regards an instrument, the writer was once going to play a violin solo at a club concert. On the afternoon of the very day of performance, during the final rehearsal, the strings suddenly seemed to be much higher on the finger-board than usual, thus making ordinary stopping more difficult and awkward. Up to the rehearsal the violin, an ordinary one, had appeared to be in good condition and the owner never anticipated any trouble from that source. Upon conclusion of the solo it was found that the neck where it joins the body, had become partially detached entirely due to the ravages of the moist and clammy atmosphere of a tropical country after a few months. Under such circumstances, the nearest town for any sort of repairs being some fifty miles away, and no other violin to be had in the locality, the would-be soloist was forced to retire gracefully, apologies and explanations being given to the audience instead.

VIOLINS AND BOWS.

Other unforeseen and such-like incidents are likely to occur to an instrument kept in a tropical climate for any length of time. The bridge and pegs become warped, the button comes off, the gut connecting the button with the tail-piece frequently

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# SPORT.

## V.R.O. SPORTS. PROMISING ENTRIES.

The Victoria Recreation Sports meeting to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday promises to be highly successful. Entries have been coming in to the office of the Secretary of the Victoria Recreation Club at a great rate. The principal event of the day, will, of course, be the Marathon Race round the Peak, and twenty-three entries have been already received for this race. These are mostly Europeans, but there are eight Indians entered, and one Chinese Mr. Leung Ying Luen. Another event that has obviously proved attractive is the tug-of-war, teams representing the E.A.S.M.A., the V.R.C., and the R.G.A. having already entered. Two teams representing the Paek Battery, H.K.S.R.G.A. (Sikhs and Mohammedans), and two teams chosen from the Bombay Grenadiers have entered for the event as lightweights, whilst catch-weights include a team from the Paek Battery H.K.S.R.G.A. (Sikhs and Mohammedans), and No. 2 H.K.S.R.G.A. The heats will be pulled on Friday. There are nine entries up-to-date for the one mile handicap, fifteen for the 120 yards' hurdle race, and four for the ladies' cycle race, though for this latter event it is hoped to receive more.

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Mr. H. A. Taylor, Assistant Superintendent of Imports and Exports, said every other firm was marking its cases of spirits "For export."

The Company's representative stated that this was the last shipment the firm had made, before handing the business over to another firm.

A fine of \$5 was inflicted.

There was also a second summons of failing to return an export permit within 24 hours of its issue.

With relation to this the defence was that the permit was issued, and on the same day the goods were removed from the Company's bonded warehouse to the s.s. *Kinkun*. For some reason or other, probably because it was too late, the officers refused the cargo, and it had to be taken back. The firm's clerk informed the Imports and Exports Office of what had happened, but the clerk in that office refused to alter the date of the permit without getting a second copy.

This case was adjourned *sine die*, in order that the evidence of the firm's clerk might be obtained.

rots owing to dampness, are only a few of many. However one can mitigate these accidents to a certain extent by keeping an instrument in a tin-lined case, sprinkling powdered lime in the case, also by having a very thin piece of water proof to cover the violin or violoncello when put away. The tin-lining and water-proof of course help to counteract dampness, while the lime absorbs the certain amount of moisture in the atmosphere, especially during the rainy monsoon season; that must necessarily penetrate to a certain degree. So it can readily be understood what risk of damage can be done to a valuable instrument, even with precautions, if taken out East for any length of time.

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# TYPHOON WARNINGS.

## SUGGESTIONS BY "SHIPPING AND ENGINEERING."

Shipping and Engineering deals at length with the question of typhoon warnings, and holds the view that while the general adoption of wireless on all coast vessels and the establishment of wireless centres at suitable positions is the ultimate solution to the whole problem, this state of affairs will not be an accomplished fact for at least two years or so. It is stated that in the meantime much more might be done in regard to the collection and dissemination of information regarding the weather, especially in the coming typhoon season, and to this end the suggestion is made that every vessel, whether fitted with wireless or not, should spare no effort in collecting and passing on information regarding the weather. Shipping and Engineering considers that Sincere Observatory is denied much of the co-operation and assistance to which it is entitled, particularly in regard to the daily weather bulletins from outposts, which are stated invariably to arrive so late as to be of little use. An instance is quoted of an outpost from which, last year, no weather reports had been received for many weeks. The commander of a foreign gunboat which was proceeding to that port was requested to look into the matter, and within two days of his arrival, no fewer than 150 weather reports were received in Shanghai from that port.

Another point touched on is in regard to the island of Yap, from which a direct cable runs to Shanghai. From the laying of the cable by the Germans in 1905, till October, 1914, daily weather bulletins were sent direct to Shanghai, and proved of great value. During the typhoon season of last year, when so much damage was done to East Eastern shipping, the cable reports from Yap were sent by way of Manila, necessitating two or three days' delay; and it is suggested that as many typhoons which strike the China Coast have their formation in the vicinity of Yap, the Japanese Government under whose control the cable now is, might take steps to ensure that in the coming typhoon season the direct reports might be re-instituted, as an invaluable aid to the correct forecasting of the tracks of typhoons.

The latest country in which the Fascist movement has made its appearance is Japan. Our readers will remember that it started in Italy as an intensely patriotic manifestation aimed against the Socialists, and two or three months ago found a counterpart in Bavaria. Now it shows itself among the Japanese who describe themselves as spiritual fascists, their purpose being to "inculcate the spirit of Imperialism in the chaotic world of thought in Japan, which threatens to precipitate a dangerous condition." The organization embraces 16 patriotic bodies whose aim is to preserve the national creed of Japan, such as the Imperial Spirit Preservation Association, the Imperial Shrine Association, the Yamato Spirit Association and the 47 Ronin Worship Association. The new association means to work along purely spiritual lines, with no effort at action of a radical nature.

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  - (3) The use of cheaper or more suitable kinds of building materials.
  - (4) The greater employment of labour-saving machines or devices.
  - (5) Improved methods for the transportation of building materials.
  - (6) Procuring an increased supply of skilled labourers.
  - (7) Reducing the number of middlemen.
  - (8) Other methods for reducing the cost of house construction.
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THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd to the 30th April, 1933, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,  
E. PEPPERELL,  
Acting Secretary. [719]

## HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Definitive Certificate No. 5/na. 6868 dated 31st December, 1920, for 35 Shares numbered 24019 to 24113, 27958 to 27999, 28450 to 28511, 28543 to 28557, Provisional Certificate No. 57/768 dated 30th May, 1921, for 11 Shares, numbered 130243 to 130253 and Provisional Certificate No. 57/1045 for 1 Share numbered 131423 all registered in the name of Mr. SUN YEE SICKQUA are reported to have been destroyed by fire, and should these certificates not be produced to the Bank before the 13th day of May, 1933, New Certificates for the Shares will be issued and the aforesaid Definitive Certificate No. 5/na. 6868 and Provisional Certificates Nos. 57/768 and 57/1045 will be thereafter treated by this Corporation as Null and Void.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
A. G. STEPHEN,  
Chief Manager. [706]

## NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.  
ONE Certificate for 3 Shares Nos. 12682/12695 and One Certificate for 3 Shares Nos. 12696/12699 in this Company, standing in the Name of LI HIM U and LI U CHONG respectively have been LOST, and if at the Expiration of One Month from the Date hereof the above documents be not forthcoming, other Certificates for the said shares will be issued by the Company and thereafter no other will be acknowledged.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.  
Hongkong, 6th April, 1933. [684]

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# THE LATE HON. MR. NG HON-TSZ.

## YESTERDAY'S IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL

The funeral of the late Hon. Mr. Ng Hon-Tsz, one of the Unofficial Members of the Legislative Council and a highly respected leader of the Chinese community took place yesterday afternoon. It was a most impressive ceremony and to the onlooker gave some idea of the high respect in which the deceased gentleman was held. A great many well-known residents—European as well as Chinese—took part in the ceremony.

The customary observances occupied the greater part of the afternoon. So long was the funeral procession that it took well over an hour to pass any given point and so great was the crush that the traffic police found it necessary to close Caine Road to motorists where Mr. Ng resided, for some time previous to the hour of commencement of the ceremony and until the long cortege had got well clear of the road. En route from the residence to the "Farewell Pavilion" at Kennedy Town, the procession passed through the principal thoroughfares of the City.

Just prior to the procession, which was timed to commence at 1 p.m., a number of intimate friends of the deceased assembled at No. 62, Caine Road, and one by one, bowed before the coffin as a tribute of respect. The procession headed by a Chinese band, was made up of the usual Chinese funeral elements, some of them being hired for the occasion by various Chinese public institutions. Interspersed throughout the procession were six or seven Chinese bands. One of these preceded a large photo of the deceased, which was draped in white and borne by four coolies. Immediately following the photo came the casket containing the remains of the deceased. This was covered by a large canopy and carried by about thirty men. Then came the chief mourners, including Mrs. Ng, the widow, and their little son aged four years. The general public followed in large numbers behind the chief mourners.

At West Point the cortege was met by the King's Regimental Band, which took over the position of head of the procession and led the way to "Farewell Pavilion" playing Chopin's "Funeral March." At the Pavilion the Regimental Band, the Chinese bands and those carrying the paraphernalia flanked the roadway on either side for some considerable distance, and the coffin passed between the two ranks and into the Pavilion. The Chinese bands and those carrying the regalia here dispersed, but the Regimental Band remained and played very impressively the Dead March in "Saul."

Inside the Pavilion a large number of Chinese had assembled and after the candles had been lighted and placed on a small table in front of the coffin the mourners entered and bowed three times before the coffin and once before the widow and her small son.

His Excellency the Governor was the first to pay the customary tribute of respect; members of the European community followed and the deceased gentleman's countrymen continued to pass by the bier until a late hour in the afternoon.

Those who attended at the "Farewell Pavilion" to pay their last respects were: H.E. the Governor (Sir R. E. Stubbs, K.C.M.G.), H.E. the General Officer Commanding (Sir John Fowler, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O.), the Chief Justice (Sir William Rees-Davies), the Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University (Sir William Brunyate, K.C.M.G.), Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Colonial Secretary (the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E.), the Attorney-General (the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.), the Colonial Treasurer (the Hon. Mr. McI. Messer, O.B.E.), the Secretary for Chinese Affairs (the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.B.E.), the Director of Education (the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving), the Director of Public Works (the Hon. Mr. T. L. Perkins), the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Mrs. R. H. Kotewall (representing her husband), the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, who was prevented from attending owing to his being indisposed, the Puisne Judge (Mr. E. H. J. Gompertz), the Captain Superintendent of Police (Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe), the First Magistrate (Mr. J. R. Wood), the Chairman of the Sanitary Board (Mr. G. R. Sayer), the Crown Solicitor (Mr. A. E. Holmes), H.E. the Governor's Private Secretary (Mr. Eric Rice), Mr. C. B. Melbourne, Mr. B. B. McDermott, Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. J. A. Fraser, Mr. N. Teeddale Macintosh, Mr. C. H. Lyson, Mr. A. E. Hall and others.

(Continued at foot of next column.)

# THE FIGHTING IN CANTON.

## SURPRISE ATTACK BY KWANGSI TROOPS.

### BITTERNESS AGAINST WU PEI FU.

The following telegram from Mr. Eugene Chen should have appeared in our yesterday's issue, but a careless telegraph messenger delivered it at the wrong address and consequently it did not reach us until yesterday morning:

Canton, April 16th.

The Kwangsi forces launched surprise attacks early this morning against the Yunnanese forces stationed at Kun Yin Shan and the Experimental station. The attacks were completely repulsed by the Yunnanese, who are now counter-attacking and surrounding the White Cloud mountain where the Kwangsi forces have retreated.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen witnessed the operations along the foot of the White Cloud mountain accompanied by the Yunnanese Commander-in-Chief who was confident of entirely crushing the Kwangsi troops very soon.

Canton remains calm although the public are indignant at the action taken by the Kwangsi forces and bitterly denounce General Wu Pei Fu who has inspired this wanton attack.

# KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY SERVICE SUSPENDED.

## MILITARY HOLD UP TRAINS AND COMMANDER COACHES.

There has been a recurrence of trouble on the Chinese Section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway, which, on Monday night, resulted in the through service to Canton being suspended until further notice.

No details had reached Hongkong yesterday, but a telegram received from the Canton Railway Officials by the Kowloon officials yesterday morning states that the service is cancelled until further notice as the military are commandeering rolling stock and engines.

On Monday a number of trains were held up at Sheklung, just over the border. No. 13 train (the down express from Canton) was held up at Sheklung by the military for over two hours, and consequently arrived in Kowloon at a late hour on Monday night. Before leaving Sheklung the troops detached a number of the coaches and allowed the train to proceed with six coaches only.

The up-express was similarly treated, but in this case the train was only allowed to proceed with four coaches. The slow down train got as far as Sheklung where it was held up and not allowed to proceed further.

It is not clear whether any of the passengers have been interfered with or not, and no confirmation could be obtained of an ugly rumour that three Chinese passengers were taken out of one of the trains and shot by the Military. All the coaches which have been commandeered belong to the Chinese Section.

# THE FRENCH CRUISERS.

A delegation from the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce visited the French flagship this morning, and was received by the Admiral, the Delegate from the French Ministry of Commerce, and Mr. Felix Yung, of the French Consulate-General. A tour of inspection of the photographic exhibits was made after which the party proceeded to the Admiral's saloon. Included in the party were: Messrs. Yip Lan Chuen (Secretary of the Chamber), Simon Tse Yan, Wong Kwong Tin, Wong Ping Sang, Chow Chun Nin, So Yow Chin, Koo Yik Pang, Chan Po Kwong, Li Che Keng, Yeung Po Kwan, Win Lew Cheng, Chan Ning, Koo Kie Chun, Ma Man Fai.

Last night a banquet and ball were given on the flagship by the Admiral.

Amongst the large number of Chinese present were: Mr. Li Po-kwai (Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce), Mr. Ting Sun (Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital), Mr. Liang Shih-yi (Ex-Premier of China and Private Secretary to Yuan Shih-kai), First President of China), and Messrs. S. W. To, Wong Kwong-tin, Lo Chung-kue, Fung Ping-shan, Benjamin Wong Tape, T. N. Chau, Chan Siu-ki, Simon Tse-yau, J. M. Wong, Siu Ying-chow, Ho Wah-tung, Ho Fong, Ho Kwong, Ho Yu, Chow Tung-sang, Ip Lan-chuen, Kwok Siu-lau, Chan Harr, Li Yau-chuen, Leo Hysan, Kwok Chuen, Li Ping, Leung Kwai-tin, To So-yuen, Lau Kwai-po, Chow Kam-wing, Ko Wan-kun, Leung Yan-po, Harry Fong, Joo Kew, Ip Liu-kwong, Fung Yu-tung, Shum Pak-ming, Shum Chung-hing, Chan Kau-yue, Li Wing-kwong, Lo Cheung-ling, Leung But-lu, Fung Tsz, Li Yik-mui, Dr. W. K. Wen, General Tang Yu-kwong and many others.

A great many wreaths and many letters of condolence were sent. Among the floral tributes was one from His Excellency the Governor.

After refreshments had been served, the procession proceeded to the Chinese Permanent Cemetery at Aberdeen where the remains will be interred.

# CORRESPONDENCE.

## THE RENTS ORDINANCE.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

Sir,—There can be no doubt that the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock's letter, appearing in today's issue of the *Daily Press*, will serve to correct many misapprehensions regarding the Rents Ordinance, and I feel sure that many others, like myself, await with interest his further letter.

Might I be permitted to offer a suggestion? There are quite a number of tenants who have taken possession since the Ordinance came into effect, and in many instances they are paying higher rents than the previous tenants. If Mr. Pollock could define their position I feel sure that his explanation would be appreciated. I will quote a typical case. The rent of a certain flat was, on December 31st, 1920, \$100 per month. Between that date and December, 1923, several tenants occupied the flat, and, each new tenant was charged additional rent, until to-day the present tenant is paying \$150 per month. Now, the questions in the mind of the present tenant are:—Should he be charged only the rental value at December 31st, 1920? If he has been overcharged, can he recover the amount, illegally charged? Has he any access to Government records which would show the exact rent at December 31st, 1920? Trusting that Mr. Pollock will continue his good work on behalf of tenants.—Yours faithfully,

"ONE OF 'EM."

# MISSIONS TO SEAMEN IN HONGKONG.

SIR PAUL CHATER OFFERS ENDOWMENT OF \$50,000.

Sir Paul Chater's well-known generosity has again been exemplified by the offer of an Endowment of Fifty Thousand Dollars to the Missions to Seamen in Hongkong, which, needless to say, the Committee have most gratefully accepted. This gift will solve a problem which, for some little time, has been puzzling the Missions to Seamen authorities locally,—the ways and means of raising a salary for an Assistant Chaplain, whose efforts will probably be centred round the newly re-opened Kowloon Seamen's Institute.

The Missions to Seamen already owe a great debt of gratitude to one founder of the firm of Messrs. Chater and Mody, for the late Sir H. N. Mody gave a similar amount towards the building fund of the present Seamen's Institute on the Praya East, when at a public meeting an appeal was made for donations for the purpose. As that gift then enabled the Missions to Seamen to make great progress in the way of extension, this latest gift from the other founder will, we are sure, open the road to a still more vigorous advance in the field of opportunity offered by the ever-changing seafaring life of the Port.

# A MUSICAL FEAST.

WELL-KNOWN CELLIST IN HONGKONG.

Hongkong music lovers were given an unusual treat yesterday afternoon at the City Hall, where Miss May Mukle, the well-known violinist, gave a delightful concert, with the aid of Miss Rebecca Clarge, a very clever violinist, and Miss Gertrude Watson, whose pianoforte accompaniments were not the least noteworthy feature of a delightful concert. Lady Stubbs was among the many well-known music-lovers of the Colony to be attracted to the concert, and she evinced every sign of thoroughly enjoying the performance.

This is the first visit Miss Mukle has paid to Hongkong, and after the very excellent concert to which the audience were treated yesterday, there is not the slightest doubt but what she will receive a warm welcome if she comes again to the Colony while the recollection of her playing endures.

Miss Mukle is the complete mistress of a very difficult instrument, and there is only one word which will adequately describe her renderings, and that is,—exquisite. Her last interpretation, was perhaps, her best,—Poppet's "Elfin Dance." The composition is a beautiful one in itself, and her listeners were held fascinated throughout. As an encore, Miss Mukle gave Alice Verne's "Lullaby," another beautiful rendering was Dvorak's delightful composition "Dumky," given by the trio—pianoforte, violin, and violoncello. The large audience sat entranced throughout the piece. The complete performance was as follows:—

Violoncello Solo; Sonata in A, Boccherini, Adagio, Allegro.  
Trio for Pianoforte, Violin and Violoncello; Dumky, Dvorak, (in four movements).  
Violoncello Solo; (a) Boiz, Epais, Lily Mukle, (b) Guitarré, Monkowski.  
Trio for Pianoforte, Violin and Violoncello; Colonial Song, Percy Grainger.  
Violoncello Solo; (a) Idylle, Barnes, (b) Swedish Folk Tune, (c) Elfin Dance, Popper.

# HONGKONG HOTEL ROOF GARDEN.

That the new roof garden of the Hongkong Hotel has already become the principal centre of entertainment in Hongkong was the reflection suggested to a *Daily Press* representative who paid a visit last night at the invitation of the management. With two dances daily the beautiful ballroom affords devotees of the dance—and they are many—with ample opportunities of passing a few hours in their favourite diversion. An artistic environment, a highly skilled band and every provision for the creature comforts ensure a few hours' forgetfulness of the cares of daily life, be they associated with Government services, Brokers' Alley, a Naval quarter-deck or a parade ground. Just now, the adepts who assemble to dance have the opportunity of seeing a performance before which their best efforts pale into insignificance. Miss Mura Shipoff, assisted by Mr. Koka Shipoff, gives an exhibition quite in the Pavlova manner, hinting a great future for the exponent as a *danceuse*. With such an addition to Hongkong's permanent entertainment facilities no one need be dull at this end of the world.

# THE PEAK TRAMWAY.

## NON-STOP CARS.

We direct the attention of the public, and especially those who regularly use the Peak tramway, to the advertisement relating to changes in the time-table which come into force on May 1st.

The schedule provides for three extra cars on week-days and two on Sundays during the busy parts of the day. Six non-stop cars will run from terminus to terminus on week-days for the benefit of those travelling to the Peak at lunch time and in the evening, and three non-stop cars will run from terminus to terminus on Sundays for the benefit of those travelling to the Peak in the evening.

The non-stop cars will be non-stop in every sense of the word, not even stopping at Plantation Road. There are very few residents at the Peak to whom the upper terminus is not as accessible as Plantation Road would mean stopping at Kennedy Road which the Company are anxious to avoid.

The tiffin hour non-stop cars will begin running at 12.40 p.m. and end at 1.15 p.m. and the evening non-stop cars will begin running at 7.20 p.m. and end at 7.45 p.m. on week-days. On Sundays only the evening non-stop cars will be run. Stopping cars will run alternately with the non-stop cars, as the time-table clearly shows.

# TAIKOO MOULDERS' DEMANDS.

DISSATISFIED WITH CONTRACT SYSTEM.

The little difficulty which has arisen at Taikoo Docks regarding the system of employment of Chinese moulders appears to be well on the way towards an amicable settlement. The moulders, last Friday, expressed dissatisfaction to their employers at their present system of employment which is that they are engaged by a contractor and controlled by the firm. They ask, now that the contract is running out, to be engaged direct by the firm and that the middle man—the contractor—be eliminated. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire have undertaken to go into the question with a view to rectifying the grievance. The moulders apparently accepted this, but on Monday morning they suspended work. During the course of the day a conference was held between representatives of the employers and representatives of the moulders at which it was settled that the moulders should return to work on the following day and that the new terms of employment would be presented to them by Monday next for consideration. It is not considered likely that there will be any further trouble in this direction.

# WRONG FIRM SUMMONED.

At the Magistracy yesterday morning, Mr. C. J. Bao, of the Imports and Exports Office, told His Worship (Mr. J. R. Wood), that he wished to withdraw four summonses issued against a Chinese firm. There were two firms of the same name, but a different address, and they had issued the summonses against the wrong firm.

The offences were issuing an inaccurate manifesto; for not returning two manifests for the s.s. "Szechau"; and for not returning a manifest for the s.s. "Sin Pin Yin."

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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## NOTICE

IT IS NOTIFIED for the information of all whom it may concern that the Officers, Messrs. J. J. King & Co., do not hold themselves responsible for any debts incurred by or on behalf of Messrs. J. J. King & Co. Officers' Mess Contractor. 1730

## THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. J. J. King & Co., Limited, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong, on THURSDAY, the 24th DAY of MAY, 1923, at 11.30 A.M. in the Forenoon:

- For the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, passing an Extraordinary Resolution to the effect:—
- That the Conditional Agreement submitted to the meeting for the amalgamation with this Company of the Hongkong Central Estate Limited upon the terms (inter alia) of the acquisition by this Company of the complete undertaking, business, goodwill and property of the Hongkong Central Estate Limited in return for the issue to this Company of 40,000 shares of the nominal value of \$25 each credited as fully paid up, being four shares of \$25 each of this Company for each share of \$100 each of the Hongkong Central Estate Limited, and the same is hereby approved and that the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to carry out the said Agreement in effect with such (if any) modifications either before or after the execution thereof as they may think fit.

N.B.—A copy of such said Conditional Agreement may be inspected at any time during business hours at the Registered Office of the Company, Victoria Building, Queen's Road Central, Victoria aforesaid, and at the office of Messrs. Deacon, Harston and Shenton, 1, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria aforesaid, Solicitors to the Company.

- For the purpose of considering, and, if thought fit, approving the draft new Memorandum of Association of the Company which will be submitted to the meeting.

A print of such new Memorandum of Association and a print of the existing Memorandum of Association of the Company may be seen at the Registered Office of the Company, Victoria Building, Queen's Road Central, Victoria aforesaid, and at the office of Messrs. Deacon, Harston and Shenton, 1, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria aforesaid, Solicitors to the Company, and the portions of the proposed new Memorandum of Association which differ from the existing Memorandum of Association are indicated by being underlined in red.

Should the meeting approve of such new Memorandum of Association, with or without modification, the proposed Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—

- That the provisions of the Company's Memorandum of Association with respect to its objects be altered so as to read as shown in the print signed for the purpose of identification by the Chairman of this meeting.

Should the meeting approve of such new Articles, with or without modification, the proposed Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution, namely:—

(c) That the new Articles already approved by this Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be and the same are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company to the exclusion of the Articles of the Company for all the existing Articles thereof.

Should the above-mentioned Resolutions (b) and (c) be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions to a further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Should the second of the above Resolutions (b) be confirmed as a Special Resolution by the requisite majority, the alterations in the Company's Memorandum of Association consequently involved will be submitted to the Supreme Court of Hong Kong for confirmation.

Dated this 17th day of April, 1923.  
By Order of the Board,  
L. S. GREENHILL,  
Secretary.

N.B.—The necessary steps will be taken to divide each of the existing 50,000 shares of \$100 each constituting the present Capital of this Company of \$5,000,000 into four fully paid up shares of \$25 each and thereafter to increase the said Capital from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 by the creation of 200,000 new shares of \$25 each.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 23rd day of April, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the GOVERNOR of one Lot of CROWN LAND at Hok Un, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one fourth of term of 75 years.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION, on SATURDAY, the 23rd day of APRIL, 1923, at 11 o'clock, A.M., at their Sales Room, 10, HONG KONG STREET, VICTORIA, HONGKONG, the Very Valuable Leasehold Property situated at VICTORIA, aforesaid, and registered in the Land Office as INLAND LOT NO. 969, together with the buildings thereon, consisting of Seven Desirable Dwelling Houses now known as Nos. 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53 and 55, WYNDHAM STREET, VICTORIA, aforesaid, in One Lot.

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All that Piece or Parcel of Ground situated at VICTORIA, in the Colony of Hong Kong, and registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 969, together with the messuages or tenements and other erections and buildings thereon, and at the date hereof known as Nos. 43, 45, 47, 49, 51, 53 and 55, Wyndham Street, Victoria aforesaid, held for the term of 999 years, from the 26th day of June, 1843, created therein by a Crown Lease dated the 8th day of September, 1822, and made between His Majesty King George V. of the one part, and the owners of the other part, subject to the payment of the annual Crown Rent of \$123, payable by half-yearly payments on the 25th day of December and the 25th day of June, in each and every year, during the said term, and to the observance and performance of the Lessee's covenants and conditions therein reserved and contained.

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THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE SECOND GYMKHANA is fixed for SATURDAY, 5th MAY, 1923. Draft Programmes and Entry Forms may be obtained at the Race Course, Hongkong Club and Causeway Bay Stables.  
Racing Closes on Saturday, 21st April, 1923. [721]

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## DEATHS.

AINSLIE.—At Bournemouth, on April 15th, ANNIE ELIZABETH, beloved wife of E. J. AINSLIE. [729]  
LOVE.—At Shanghai, on April 14th, JOHN P. LOVE, in his 70th year.  
MURPHY.—At Shanghai, on April 11th, JOHN MURPHY, Chinese Maritime Customs, Newchwang, aged 41 years.  
RUTHERFORD.—At Kaling Hospital, on April 8th, after a long illness, WILLIAM JAMES RUTHERFORD, aged 29 years.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VAUX RD., C.  
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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, APRIL 18TH, 1923.

## THE FIGHTING AT CANTON.

The fighting at Canton has been on a much bigger scale than was indicated by the report we published yesterday, which contained the first news of the outbreak. It is now seen to be not the outcome of a quarrel between small units hailing from different provinces, but a planned enterprise on the part of the Kwangsi force to dominate the city. Mr. EUGENE CHEN, who is Dr. SUN YAT SEN'S Private Secretary, writes of the Kwangsi forces having "launched a surprise attack" against the Yunnanese forces, and states that the public at Canton, "bitterly denounce Wu Pei Fu who has inspired this wanton attack." The Yunnanese commander, we are told, is confident of entirely crushing the Kwangsi troops very soon. We are in no position to judge of this ourselves. Meanwhile we can only note the fact that large forces are engaged in this conflict and that there is no doubt that it represents a struggle on behalf of Wu Pei Fu for supremacy at Canton. General SHUM HUNG YING, the commander of the Kwangsi forces, it will be remembered, was recently appointed by the Peking Government, under pressure of General Wu Pei Fu to be Commander-in-Chief in Kwangtung, while another of Wu's nominees was at the same time appointed Commander-in-Chief of the neighbouring province of Fukien. The Government at first resisted the pressure and threatened to resign en bloc. The President, however, announced that he would stand firm against dictation by the

war lords, but within a week there was a complete volte face, and a mandate was issued making the appointments dictated by General Wu Pei Fu. Warfare has recently been waged against SUN YAT SEN'S supporters in Fukien, and the newspaper reports speak of them as having been "dispersed." There is little doubt that what is happening at Canton is all part of the general plan of campaign drawn up by General Wu Pei Fu. Whether General CHEN CHUNG MIN, whom Dr. SUN YAT SEN drove from Canton a couple of months ago, is playing any part in this new drama is yet to be disclosed. A noteworthy fact is that among the appointments announced in the recent Peking mandate was that of CHEN's brother to command the First Division of the Army in Kwangtung Province. It was reported that General SHUM would ignore the Peking mandate, because he was entirely loyal to the cause of Dr. SUN YAT SEN, but within the past week it has been whispered that there was a probability of his accepting the appointment made by the Peking Government and there were expectations that he would declare himself on the first day of the Chinese moon. This is evidently what has happened, and the fighting therefore is another struggle for supremacy. So far as the sympathies of the Canton people are concerned, they certainly have no longing to see the Kwangsi borders in control of the city. If an alien force is required at all they would certainly prefer the Yunnanese, who are generally regarded as superior to the Kwangsi troops in all respects, and if the fighting is confined to these two bodies of men Mr. EUGENE CHEN'S confidence in the final victory of the Yunnanese will be generally shared. But will it be confined to the present participants in the struggle? Are the Cantonese forces, wherever they may be, prepared to remain neutral? There are, no doubt, many factors in the situation of which the general Chinese public have no adequate comprehension, and it would be entirely futile to speculate on the outcome of the struggle. The one manifest conclusion is that peace will never be assured for long in Kwangtung, or in other provinces of China, until the military and civil leaders agree to meet at the conference table and make the necessary mutual concessions with a fixed determination to secure the peace, unity and concord, so manifestly essential to the welfare and prosperity of the State.

## THE COLONY'S WAR MEMORIAL.

We can well believe that the statement made by the Hon. Sir PAUL CHATER at the meeting of subscribers to the War Memorial on Monday has been read with delight by the public generally. In addition to the Cenotaph which it is hoped to unveil in Statue Square on Empire Day (now little more than a month hence), a monument which is being erected at an estimated cost of \$60,000—the Colony is to have an imposing memorial of the war in the form of an up-to-date Nursing Home, for which a million dollars is needed, and only \$100,000 remain to be subscribed. An admirable site on the eastern part of the Peak range, twelve acres in extent, has been granted by the Government, plans for the Nursing Home have been prepared and approved, the whole scheme adopted, and the Committee authorized to proceed with it. Nearly four years have elapsed since the Peace Treaty was signed, and it will, perhaps, be said that we have been a long time over providing our Memorial of the War. In this matter the Colony has been ambitious while the times have been unfavourable for the raising of large sums of money, but it will be generally agreed, that such a Memorial of the War as the Colony has now definitely in sight has been well worth waiting for, and the Colony must feel grateful to Sir PAUL CHATER especially for his steady perseverance with the project. Sir PAUL has many memorials in this Colony to his wise foresight, indomitable public spirit and financial genius, as well as to his great generosity, and the Nursing Home of which the Colony is now definitely assured will likewise owe its existence very largely to this combination of virtues in Sir PAUL, who has been the leading spirit of the War Memorial Committee. We, at all events, are convinced that no other man in the Colony could have brought this ambitious project to maturity. Sir PAUL, for more years than most of the present residents of the Colony, have known him, has been regarded as the "Prince of Beggars" for causes calculated to promote the welfare of the

Colony in which he has lived for very close on sixty years, and whose prosperity he has done so much in many ways to promote. A perusal of the statement in regard to the Nursing Home project readily prompts an expression of public gratitude to him for the great service he has rendered in securing for the Colony an institution which, while standing as an imposing Memorial of the Great War, will, for generations to come, be a boon and a blessing to the sick and an undying source of satisfaction to all.

Seven dwelling houses in Wyndham Street are advertised to be sold by public auction.

The Inter-School Sports, which were to have been held yesterday were postponed owing to the rain till Wednesday the 25th inst.

Mr. C. C. A. Kirke, H.M. Consul at Chefoo, with Mrs. Kirke, and their two daughters, are travelling Home by the P. & O. s.s. *Nankin*. Mr. Kirke is being succeeded by Mr. J. L. Smith who has just returned from leave.

As an instalment of the proposed anti-Japanese boycott, Chinese in Shanghai are said to be already withdrawing their deposits from Japanese banks, while Japanese bank notes are being changed for those of other countries.

A telegram to the Chinese press from Peking states that the majority of Parliament have now decided that the British system of selecting Cabinet members of the House of Parliament is to be commended and should be brought into effect in China at the earliest possible date.

An American Tennis Tournament, Mixed Doubles, Sealed Handicap, open to members and friends, will be held at the Ladies' Recreation Club, on Saturday, May 5th, commencing at 2.30 p.m. Entries limited to eighteen couples, to be posted at the Club House.—ADVT.

Miss Olive, daughter of Mr. R. H. Clive, C.M.G., Counsellor of the British Legation at Peking, is passing through the Colony en route for Home by the P. & O. s.s. *Nankin*. Mr. Clive and the Hon. Mrs. Clive are proceeding Home via Canada and the United States, by the *Empress of Russia*. After a period of Home leave, Mr. Clive proceeds to Munich to take up his new post.

Dr. C. H. Wang, ex-Prime Minister, is expected to arrive in the Colony this week. He will shortly proceed to The Hague to sit as one of the Judges in the International Court of Justice of the League of Nations. Dr. Wang received his early education at Queen's College, Hongkong, and studied for a number of years in England, America, France and Germany, obtaining the D.C.L. of Yale with the highest honours.

The scheme, started in 1920 to give Tokyo 181 miles of hard paved roads, including the highway between the capital and Yokohama, is expected to be completed by 1927. In 1920 a sum of 40 million yen was appropriated for the scheme, which includes paving with wood blocks, asphalt or stone, and lays down a width of not less than 26 feet for any street. The thoroughfare between Tokyo and Yokohama is expected to be finished by May next year.

The old power station at Wing Fung Street, Wanchai, has been sold by the Hongkong Electric Company to a Chinese for \$700,000. The plot of land has an area of 100,000 square feet. It is stated that Chinese tenement houses are to be built on the property. News of another big property deal is also reported. A block of fourteen Chinese houses, principally used for business purposes and situated opposite the Wing On Company's Store in Des Vaux Road Central, is said to have recently changed hands for \$450,000.

Extraordinary general meetings of shareholders of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., and of the Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd., are convened for May 3rd for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing resolutions to effect an amalgamation of the two companies. The Land Investment Co. propose to acquire the complete undertaking, business and goodwill of the Central Estate, Ltd., in return for the issue to that Company of 40,000 shares of the Land Investment Co., being four shares for each share of the Central Estate, Ltd. The resolutions are set forth in full in the advertisements appearing in another column.

## LIVERPOOL TO HONGKONG IN 31 DAYS.

## LONDON MAIL IN 23 DAYS.

The new Blue Funnel str. *Antedon* arrived in port last evening, having made the voyage from Liverpool to Hongkong in the good time of 31 days. She had on board mails posted in England as late as Tuesday, 20th March, via Brindisi, which were delivered to her at Suz.



## CABLES.

## EARLIER CABLES.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

## THE BRITISH BUDGET.

SURPLUS REVENUE £30,000,000.  
RELIEF FOR TAXPAYERS.

LONDON, April 16th.

The Rt. Hon. S. Baldwin, in his budget speech mentioned there was a deficit in respect of the estimate on tea, the reduction of duty not having increased the consumption to the extent anticipated.

The Budget surplus is £30,000,000. The duty on tea and sugar is unchanged, but there are reductions in the Income Tax of sixpence, and beer a penny a pint, and the Corporation Tax is reduced by one half. The question of a tax on betting has been referred to a committee.

The general expectation of reductions in taxation caused unusual interest in Mr. Baldwin's budget. Twenty members of the House of Commons waiting to secure seats at seven in the morning. The House was packed when Mr. Baldwin rose, and dwelt on the improvement of trade and diminution of unemployment last year. Government securities had appreciated, savings bank deposits had increased, and a surplus of £101,000,000 had been employed in a reduction of debt. The surplus was really due to a reduction of expenditure by £247,000,000 in two years. He hoped to effect further economies in the current year. If any department presented a supplementary estimate, it must be met by savings in other directions. It was important to redeem their debt from the revenue.

He estimated the expenditure at £918,886,000, of which £380,470,000 were debt charges. The revenue from customs and excise would be £60,000,000 less than last year. He did not anticipate another good year from death duties or Income Tax. The total revenue on the basis of existing taxation would be £902,920,000, leaving a surplus of £30,000,000.

The increase of revenue from the sale of surplus material is largely responsible for the surplus.

Provision will be made to deal with evasion of Income Tax. A tax on betting greatly attracted him, (Cheers), but he had no time to investigate it fully, therefore he intended to refer the matter to a select committee. He was prepared to take risks in the matter of a reduction of taxation, including a reduction in the charges for parcel post and heavier letters, also a reduction on foreign letters to two pence halfpenny, and a reduction of the rental of telephones and the rate at public call offices. This would involve a loss of £1,000,000. In view of the reduction last year, there would be no further relief in respect of tea, and there would be no change on sugar (Labour protests) as owing to the special circumstances the consumer would not benefit by a reduction of the duty. He hoped, however, that a reduction would be possible at an early date. The beer duty would be reduced a penny a pint, part of the reduction being borne by the brewers. The cost of this reduction was estimated at £13,000,000. This year, there would be a reduction in the duty on sweetened table waters, and the cider duty would be abolished as it was not important to the revenue and abolition would be of some importance to agriculture. The Income Tax would be reduced six pence, costing £20,000,000. In the full year and £19,000,000 this year. The Corporation Tax would be halved. Altogether the reductions would cost £34,000,000 this year and £47,000,000 in a full year. He had gone to his utmost limit to relieve the taxpayer without impairing the credit of the nation.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer said that in the four years ended March 31st, last, the external debt had been reduced by £280,000,000 net. He explained that our Canadian debt could be regarded as settled. The internal debt had been reduced by £219,500,000 since last year and was now £810,000,000.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald congratulated Mr. Baldwin on his stand against post-mortem debt reduction.

The resolutions were agreed to.

## LATEST CABLES.

## BUDGET WELL RECEIVED BY COMMENTATORS.

LONDON, April 16th.

"A model," "fair," and "popular," are among the adjectives applied by commentators to Mr. Baldwin's Budget, which is generally praised for holding the scales evenly between debt redemption, and relief from taxation. The latter, indeed, is given less prominence than the proposal to allocate for the sinking funds £40,000,000 this year, £45,000,000 next year, and a maximum of £50,000,000 thereafter.

The expectations of businessmen have been exceeded, and Labour members yesterday were less indignant than has been usual on Budget nights, since 1914. The *Daily Chronicle*, which is profoundly disappointed at the failure to continue on Lloyd George's policy of drastically reducing expenditure, and the *Daily Herald*, which denounces "This rich man's Budget, which is giving nothing to the poor," are the only newspapers roundly condemning the Budget.

## THE RUHR.

## GERMAN OFFERS WILL RECEIVE CONSIDERATION.

BRUSSELS, April 16th.

M. Theunis declared that France and Belgium were ready to examine carefully any German offers, if these were made with the object of effecting reparations.

## EARLIER CABLES.

## GERMAN MINISTERS' DECLARATION OF POLICY.

BERLIN, April 16th.

Contrary to international expectation, the Foreign Minister, Dr. von Rosenberg, in a speech in the Reichstag made no definite proposals as regards the reparations problem. It is believed, however, that Germany's ignored January offer of thirty milliards of gold marks will eventually form the basis of a solution. The Reich will not entertain plans for the formation of a Rhenish Federal State or the transfer of its rights to international organisations. It rejected a recent Franco-Belgian proposal for a system of gradual evacuation of the Ruhr. Replying to M. Poincaré's Dunbrink speech of yesterday, Dr. von Rosenberg declared that Germany was compelled to import British coal; but admitted that currencies were being sent abroad, in order to save the people from hunger. He denied that the Schutzpolizei were in any way a military organisation; and wound up by expressing Germany's determination to hold out until France recognised Germany's rights.

## FURTHER EXPULSIONS OF RAILWAY OFFICIALS.

COLOGNE, April 16th.

The Inter-Allied Rhineland Commission has ordered the expulsion of a further 1,236 German officials, chiefly railwaymen.

BERLIN, April 16th.

The French have postponed payment of the fine of a hundred and five million marks recently imposed on Essen in respect of the murder of a French soldier.

## FRENCH MINISTERS TO CARRY OUT SANCTIONS.

DUESSELDORF, April 16th.

Monsieur Maginot, De La Stoyrie, and Le Troquer, the French Ministers of War, Finance, and Public Works, respectively, have arrived to carry out the new measures in the Ruhr decided on at the Franco-Belgian conference in Paris.

## REPARATIONS PROBLEMS.

## FRENCH SCHEME OUTLINED.

PARIS, April 16th.

The French scheme of reparations, which is being submitted to Belgium, is based on the 1921 schedule of payments for A. and B. Bonds, totalling fifty milliard gold marks; while C. Bonds will serve to offset the inter-Allied debts. A semi-official statement points out that the chief feature of the plan is to provide an incentive to Germany to pay off promptly, particularly through the contraction of a foreign loan, in order to secure progressive evacuation of the Ruhr area instead of hanging out the payments for thirty-five years, as provided in the 1921 Schedule.

## LATEST CABLES.

THE CHESTER CONCESSION.  
"ANGORA DESIRES TO BLACKMAIL  
FRENCH NEGOTIATORS."

PARIS, April 16th.

According to *Le Matin*, Premier Poincaré has issued instructions that the Washington Government be approached in regard to the Chester concession. It is pointed out that certain concessions granted to the American syndicate negative the advantages conceded to French nationals in 1914. The French Government, therefore, must make full reservations in view of the forthcoming negotiations at Lausanne. *Le Matin* alleges that the Angora Assembly apparently desires to blackmail French negotiators, quoting as an example the Turkish troops concentrated on the Syrian frontiers.

## MERCHANDISE MARKS.

## BRITISH BILL EVOKES UNFAVOURABLE COMMENT.

LONDON, April 16th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. McNeill, replying to Mr. W. M. R. Fringle (Labour) as regards the proposed marking of eggs and other commodities, in merchandise marks, stated that the Bill had evoked unfavourable views from France, The Netherlands and Lithuania.

## U.S. IMMIGRATION LAW.

## "ONE OF THE WORST THINGS THE COUNTRY EVER DID."

NEW YORK, April 16th.

Mr. Gary, Chairman of the United States Steel Corporation, is no admirer of the Immigration Law. He told the shareholders of the corporation that the barriers to aliens erected by the Act had threatened to create a serious labour shortage, and this was "one of the worst things the country ever did."

Mr. Gary estimated that the total value of the Corporation's holdings had increased by a billion dollars since the organisation came into being twenty years ago.

## U.S. NAVAL PROMOTIONS.

WASHINGTON, April 16th.

Admiral Long has been appointed chief of the Bureau of Navigation. Rear-Admiral Andrews will succeed Admiral Long as commander of the American fleet in Europe, with the rank of Vice-Admiral.

## EARLIER CABLES.

THE DOGS OF WAR  
LITHUANIA'S BELUCOSE  
ATTITUDE.

VARSNA, April 16th.

There is further trouble between Poland and Lithuania owing to the Lithuanian Premier, Galvanauskas, notifying the Council of the League of Nations that Lithuania intends to contest the decision of the Council with regard to the Polish-Lithuanian neutral zone before the Hague Arbitration Court, and reserving the right to declare war on Poland from the beginning of May. The Polish Press is indignant, and accuses Lithuania of desiring at any cost to provoke war. The newspapers allege German instigation, and the existence between Berlin and Koenigsberg of a secret arms depot. They say Poland cannot be asked to sign the statute being drawn up in Paris, giving Lithuania sovereignty over Memel.

## BRITISH INDUSTRIES.

## REPRESENTATION IN DUTCH INDIES.

LONDON, April 16th.

A scheme promoted by the Federation of British Industries for co-operative representation of British manufacturers in the Dutch Indies promises success. Mr. B. Neil Williams, the representative who will take charge of interests of the firms concerned, is leaving on April 27th. It was originally proposed that the scheme should include thirty manufacturers, but in view of the size and importance of the firms who have joined, and the desire to make the representation of each firm as efficient as possible, it has now been decided to reduce the membership to twenty.

## CROWN COLONIES.

IMPERIAL ECONOMIC  
CONFERENCE.

LONDON, April 16th.

In the House of Commons, Captain Berkeley suggested that in view of the economic importance of the Crown Colonies, the leaders of the elected members of the Legislative Councils and/or the most recently retired ex-Governors of each of the principal Colonies should be invited to attend the Imperial Economic Conference in an advisory capacity. Mr. Bridgeman replied that he was not in a position at present to add to his previous replies.

## COTTON INDUSTRY.

SECOND READING OF BILL  
PASSES HOUSE.

LONDON, April 16th.

The second reading was manoeuvred through the House of Commons of the Cotton Industry Bill, providing for a compulsory contribution to the Empire Cotton-Growing Association, of which the passage was endangered owing to the House not sitting on Friday, in consequence of Thursday's long sitting.

## RANGOON STRIKE.

WORKERS DEMAND ARBITRATION  
BOARD.

RANGOON, April 16th.

It is expected that a settlement of the strike in the Yenangyaung oilfield, in which ten thousand are involved, demanding a large increase of wages and recognition of equality of treatment of American and Burman skilled workers, will be deferred, owing to the alleged victimisation of a hundred members of the dismissed labour union. The strikers demand the appointment of an arbitration board.

## TEXTILE WORKERS STRIKE.

DISPUTE IN FRENCH  
FACTORIES.

PARIS, April 16th.

A message from Lille states that 5,000 textile workers have struck in the factories which are not paying the wages demanded by their union, but 5,000 others have been allowed to work in the factories where the scale has been accepted.

## SEAFARERS' WAGES.

REDUCTION CAUSES STRIKE IN  
IRELAND.

LONDON, April 16th.

The cross-channel services between Liverpool and Dublin and Dundalk are suspended, owing to a strike of the Irish transport workers' Union against the national reduction of seafarers' wages.

## OCCUPATION EXPENSES.

AGREEMENT DIFFICULT OF  
ATTAINMENT.

PARIS, April 16th.

At a meeting of the committee on the expenses of the armies of occupation, the European delegates decided to adjourn the discussion in order to consult their respective Governments owing to new objections by Mr. Wadsworth, the American delegate, as the result of his latest exchange of telegrams with Washington. It is now expected that an agreement will be more difficult of attainment than was at first anticipated.

## AN AMERICAN LAW UPHELD.

WASHINGTON, April 16th.

The Supreme Court has declared that the grain futures trading law is valid and constitutional.

## NEW U.S. CRUISER LAUNCHED.

PHILADELPHIA, April 16th.

The light cruiser *Trenton*, which is one of ten building, has been launched.

## "MISUNDERSTOOD."

LONDON, April 16th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Lt. Comdr. Kenworthy, Mr. Ronald McNeill said that Russia had not been invited to the conference at Lausanne.

FAR EASTERN CABLE  
NEWS

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

## INDIAN IMMIGRANTS IN MALAY.

QUESTION OF POLITICAL  
REPRESENTATION.

LONDON, April 16th.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Mr. Ormsby Gore declared that the High Commissioner was consulting Malay rulers, with a view to arranging the best form of political representation for Indian immigrant labourers.

## JAPANESE REGENT AT FORMOSA.

TAIPEI, FORMOSA, April 16th.

The battle-cruiser *Kongo*, with the Prince Regent aboard, arrived at Keelung at 10 a.m. this morning, arriving at Taihoku at 2.20. Everywhere there were evidences of popular enthusiasm. A reception will be held at the residence of the Governor this evening. An amnesty has been granted to political prisoners.

JAPANESE ROYAL PATIENTS  
IMPROVE.

PARIS, April 16th.

Princess Kitashirakawa and Prince Asaka continue to improve.

[The Prince and Princess were involved in a fatal motor smash at Bernay at the beginning of this month.]

SINGAPORE AUSTRALIA'S NAVAL  
GUARD.

MELBOURNE, April 16th.

In view of the Imperial Government's scheme for developing a naval base at Singapore, the Commonwealth Government has deferred action as regards the West Australian base proposed by Admiral Henderson.

SOUTHAMPTON'S WONDER  
DOCK.LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN THE  
WORLD.

Within the next few months Southampton will be in a position to dry dock the largest vessel afloat.

A large floating dock is being built for the purpose on the Tyne by Messrs. Armsong, Whitworth and Co. It is being constructed in two sections, and in June they will be towed to Southampton, where they will be coupled up. The dock will be the largest of its kind in the world. Its overall length will be 300 feet, its clear width of entrance 134 feet, and the draught of water over keelblocks 38 feet.

It will be capable of accommodating vessels of 60,000 tons displacement, and, of course, will be able to deal with the *Majestic*, which at present can be dry-docked only in Germany or America.

An idea of the magnitude of this vast structure will be obtained from the fact that it will cover an area of about 31 acres, and that there will be 16,000 tons of steel in its hull. The weight of the rivets alone will be about 600 tons. They will number 4,000,000.

The height of the dock from the bottom of the pontoon to the top deck of the side walls will be over 70 feet. The dock is a U-shaped structure, which can be sunk to any desired depth by admitting water into the interior. When the dock is thus sunk the vessel to be docked is hauled on to the pontoon, or the horizontal portion of the U. On the water being pumped out the dock rises, carrying the vessel with it, until the pontoon deck is completely out of the water.

When lifting a vessel of the size of the *Majestic* about 80,000 tons of water will have to be pumped out of the dock. To effect this there are fourteen centrifugal pumps, which will accomplish their task in four hours.

The floating dock will be connected to the shore by means of four mooring booms, each 110 feet long, attached at the shore end to four reinforced concrete dolphins. As one of the dolphins will have a bridge to the shore, there will be access to the dock at all times.

Nearly 1,000,000 cubic yards of soil will be dredged to provide a berth for the drydock near one of the existing quays. This work is being performed with the utmost expedition.

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Possibilities of an armed conflict with France are daily discussed in the German Press and on public platforms without reserve (says the *Daily Telegraph* of March 2nd). Recently, at the meeting of the Hanoverian Land League, Hindenburg called upon the company "never to forget that we are Germans and everywhere do our duty, and if necessary fight till the last standard is torn to rags, and the last blade broken to splinters," and concluded "it is better to perish in honour than to live in shame."

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BORNEO.

Mr. Owen Rutter, Author of "British North Borneo," contained in the following article last month to the *Daily Mail*.

Far up in the great limestone caves of North Borneo are found, glued to the sides in hundreds of thousands, the edible birds' nests so loved by Chinese epicures for making soup.

The nests are built by a species of cave-haunting swift which breeds in colonies. They are formed not, as the natives believe, from sea foam but from a glutinous substance produced from the large salivary glands of the birds themselves.

There are two kinds of nests, the white and the black. The white nests are clean and semi-transparent, the fine threads of which they are interwoven being not unlike those of a shredded wheat cake.

The black nests are discoloured and have grass and feathers mixed with them. The black nests predominate, but the white, from which the best soup is made, fetch from ten to fifteen times as much as the others.

The bird caves are in reality the interior of hills which in the course of ages have become hollowed into a series of caverns and chambers many hundreds of feet in height.

Overhead are jagged openings through which shafts of light dimly penetrate. Under foot are deposits of guano often thirty feet deep. The birds share their haunt with myriads of bats; there is a kind of Box and Cox understanding between the two, the birds occupying the caves by night and the bats by day.

The right to collect the nests is vested in certain families of natives and is handed down from generation to generation. The collection, which takes place twice a year, is a perilous proceeding, and can be undertaken only by skilled men who have been bred to the work.

From a rattan staging stretched across the roof of the cave slimy rattan ladders, sometimes 600ft. in length, are let down. The collector descends into the gloom armed with a four-pronged spear to which a lighted candle is attached.

Swaying dizzily in mid air and clinging with one hand to his frail support, with deft stabs he detaches the nests, which are removed from the spear-head by a second man and placed in a basket.

Once collected, the nests are packed in strips of tree bark and are sold by auction at the nearest Government station. The bidding is made entirely by the Chinese traders, who export the nests to Hongkong. The receipts from the auction are usually divided into three shares, one for the hereditary owners, one for the collectors, and one for the Government.

In a good year the amount realised reaches over £25,000.

## COLUMBUS'S SHIP.

## A MODEL AT SOUTH KENSINGTON

A very interesting model of Cristoph Columbus's ship, the *Santa Maria*, which the Spanish Government have presented, has been placed in the Science Museum in South Kensington. The *Santa Maria*, was the flagship of the squadron of three vessels commanded by Columbus during his famous voyage in 1492 which led to the discovery of America.

A part from its historical association; the model is of considerable interest as a representation of fifteenth century ship-building. In proportion to its length it is broad and deep in comparison with modern types. It has a square stern and a full round bow, and the forecastle overhangs the stem to a considerable extent. The hull has full lines, and it is strengthened externally by horizontal walls and vertical skids. On the starboard side of the model most of the planking has been omitted to reveal the internal structural details.

There are three masts and a bowsprit, the latter carrying a square spinnaker, and the foremost one square sail. On the pole mainmasts there are two square sails, while the mizzen mast has a lateen or triangular sail.

Interesting flags and pennants are shown on the masts. On the foremost there is a white flag with a green cross, the design of the Band of Discoverers, while at the truck of the mainmast there appears the Royal Standard of Castille, quartered in white and red, with castles in gold and red lions. The escutcheon of the Catholic Monarchs with Eagle of St. John, and the great traditional streamer of the Castille Armadas are represented on the mizzen mast. Near to the door of Columbus's cabin there is a standard representing the emblem of the Royal powers conferred on him, and he carried this standard ashore when he took possession of the discovered land. The fore and main sails are decorated with large crosses, and a painting of the Virgin appears on the stern.

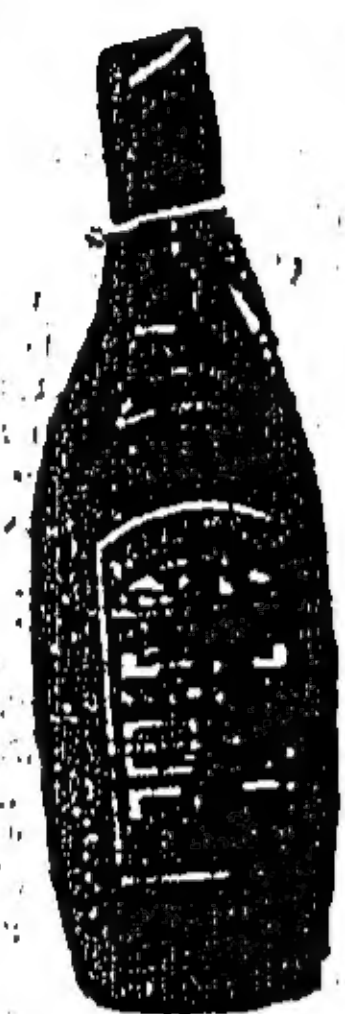
The model, which the Spanish Government have so generously presented, was made under the supervision of Captain Don Antonio de la Reyna y Pidal, Director of the Naval Museum at Madrid, and it is a copy of a model in that museum. It was made from information obtained from documents, tide maps, various drawings and paintings found in different archives and churches as well as from Columbus's diary. In 1892-3 a full-size reproduction of the vessel was constructed, and a voyage was made across the Atlantic.



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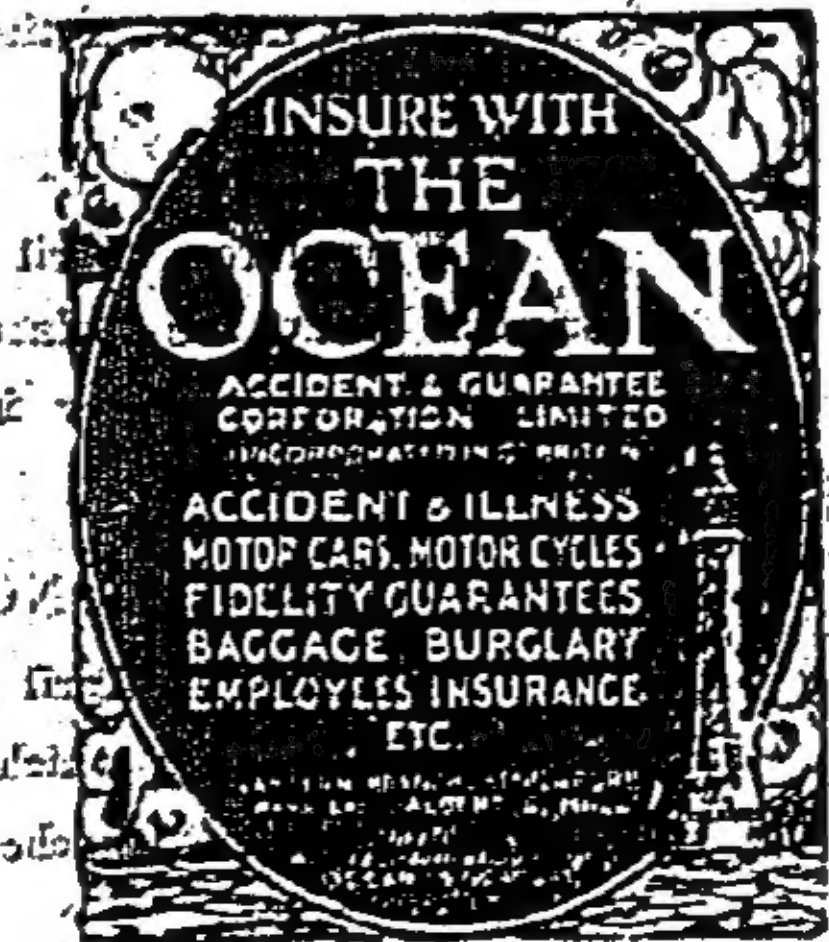
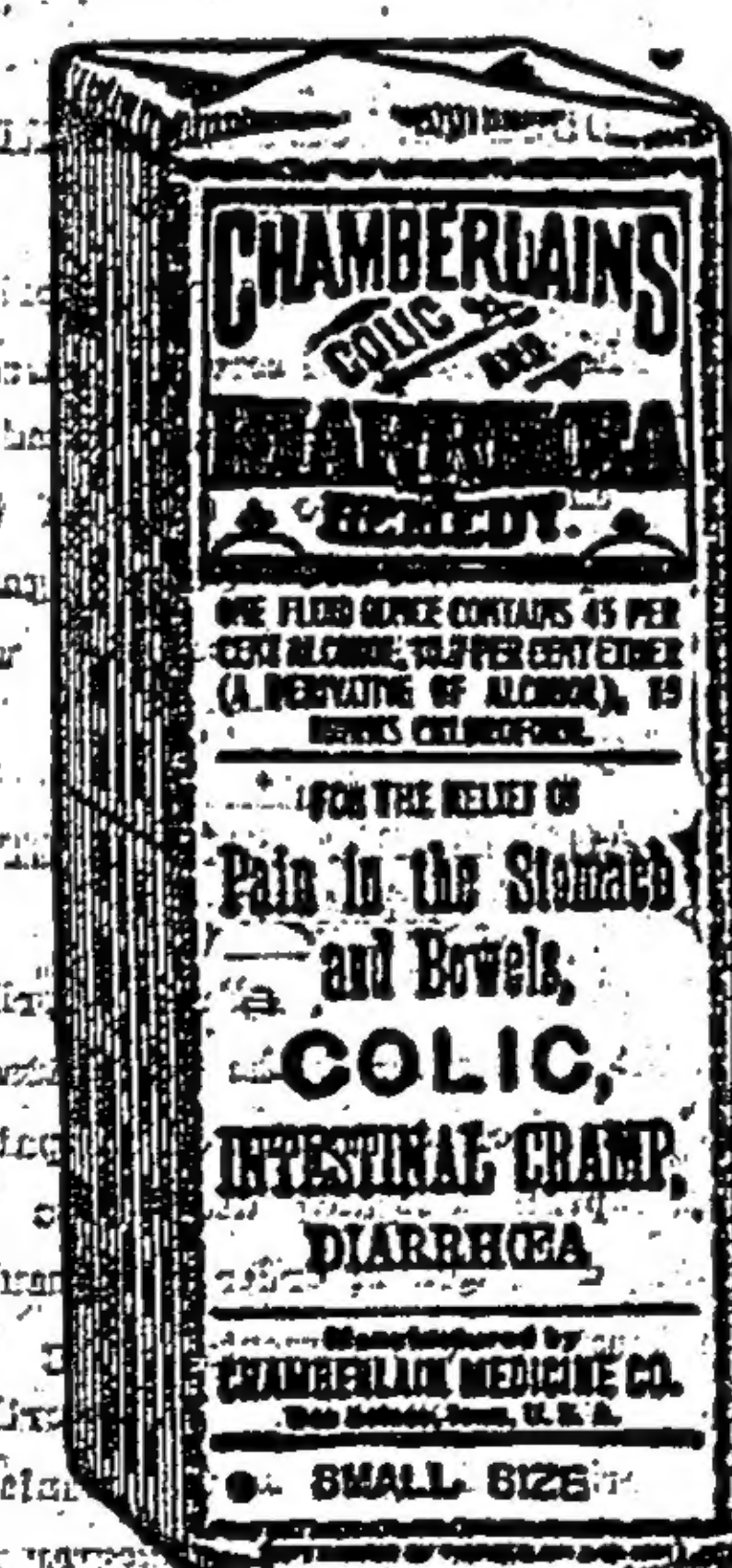
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## STRANGE MADRAS STORY. YOUNG ENGLISH-GIRL ADOPTED BY EURASIANS.

A Madras message of March 20th, says:-

The Commissioner of Police has reported the facts of the Doris Hawker case to the Madras Government, and has recommended that she should either be sent home or sent to the Lawrence Memorial School, Lovedale. Meanwhile, the child is being taken from the home of Mr. Bentinck at Georgetown, and is being sent to Commander Campbell, Deputy Port Conservator, who offered her a temporary home. The Madras branch of the European Association has taken up the matter, and has reported it to headquarters at Calcutta, with the request that inquiries be made through the home agent about the Princess Louise Home at Kingston Hill, Surrey.

A previous message dated Madras, March 17th, read:-

Much discussion has been created in Madras by the arrival on the steamer *Neurosis* of a seven-year-old English girl, Doris Hawker, who has been adopted by a Eurasian family named Bentinck from the Princess Louise Home in Surrey, which is presumably the National Society for the Protection of Young Girls, whose office is in Buckingham Palace Road, London. They placed the child on ship in the charge of a stewardess. She was a general favourite with the second cabin passengers, and neither the Captain nor the passengers, it is alleged, approved of handing the girl over to the Bentincks, who are respectable people, but not thought to be the right type to have charge of an English girl.

The Captain at first refused to give her up, but subsequently allowed her to be taken ashore. He communicated with the police, who are placing the facts before the Government.

The girl is at present with the Bentincks, but several offers have been made of a home with British people. The B.I. Company offered to take her back to England, if that were the best course.

Much criticism is levelled here against the police for handing over a girl to a Eurasian family, and the Passport authorities in Great Britain are blamed for not enquiring more closely into the child's destination.

Mr. Bentinck says that he is a broker, earning Rs. 100 a month and that his wife is a midwife, making Rs. 200. They have two sons, and no daughter, and got in touch with the home through an advertisement in a home paper. The European Association is also making investigations.

## ENGLISHMAN AND GERMAN WIFE.

£5,000,000 HEIRESS.

Whether a decree of annulment of marriage in Berlin was to be recognized as valid in England was argued in an application on a petition by the Hon. John Bertram Ogilvy Freeman-Mitford, of Adam Street, Portman Square, London, for divorce from his wife Marie Anne, daughter of the late Herr von Friedlander-Fuld, the German coal magnate, whom he married in Berlin in January, 1914.

For the respondent, referred to as the Baroness von Kuhlmann, it was stated that after the annulment of the marriage by a competent court in Germany, she married Baron Richard von Kuhlmann (first secretary to the German Embassy at the outbreak of the war and afterwards German Foreign Secretary from 1917-18).

Mr. Bayford, K.C., for Mr. Freeman-Mitford, stated that he was on active service with the British Army and did not go back to Germany to defend the nullity suit in person. The allegations against him were "masculine indolence and an unbearable selfishness."

Sir Ernest Pollock, K.C., said a decree could be obtained in the German courts if one spouse proved he or she was mistaken in the personality of the other.

Sir Henry Duke, the President, said he understood that the case for Mr. Freeman-Mitford was that the domicile of the husband here was British and the domicile of the wife followed the husband. Mr. Mitford might well be anxious to know whether he was a married or a single man, and questions of inheritance might equally make it desirable that such a matter should be put beyond all possibility of legal doubt.

Judgment was reserved.

Mr. John Freeman-Mitford is a brother of Lord Redesdale. His wife's father's fortune was estimated at £5,000,000.

The wedding was attended by all the Ambassadors in Berlin and leading members of the German aristocracy, including General von Moltke. The bride's parents gave her a rope of pearls and a furnished mansion, and Mr. Freeman-Mitford was given a partnership in his father-in-law's coal business.

Ten weeks after the marriage the wife left her husband and proceedings for annulment were taken in the Berlin courts.

## CAMBRIDGE DEGREES FOR WOMEN.

At a Congregation of Cambridge University, held on March 3rd, the recommendations contained in the further report of the syndicate appointed to draft ordinances to carry out the provisions of Statute A, relating to the granting of titles of degrees to only qualified women belonging to Girton and Newnham Colleges, were passed without any opposition.

The Lord Mayor, the Archbishop of York, the Dean of St. Paul's, and others addressed a meeting held at the Mansion House on March 7th in support of an appeal to the City for help in raising £185,000 for the four women's colleges at Oxford.



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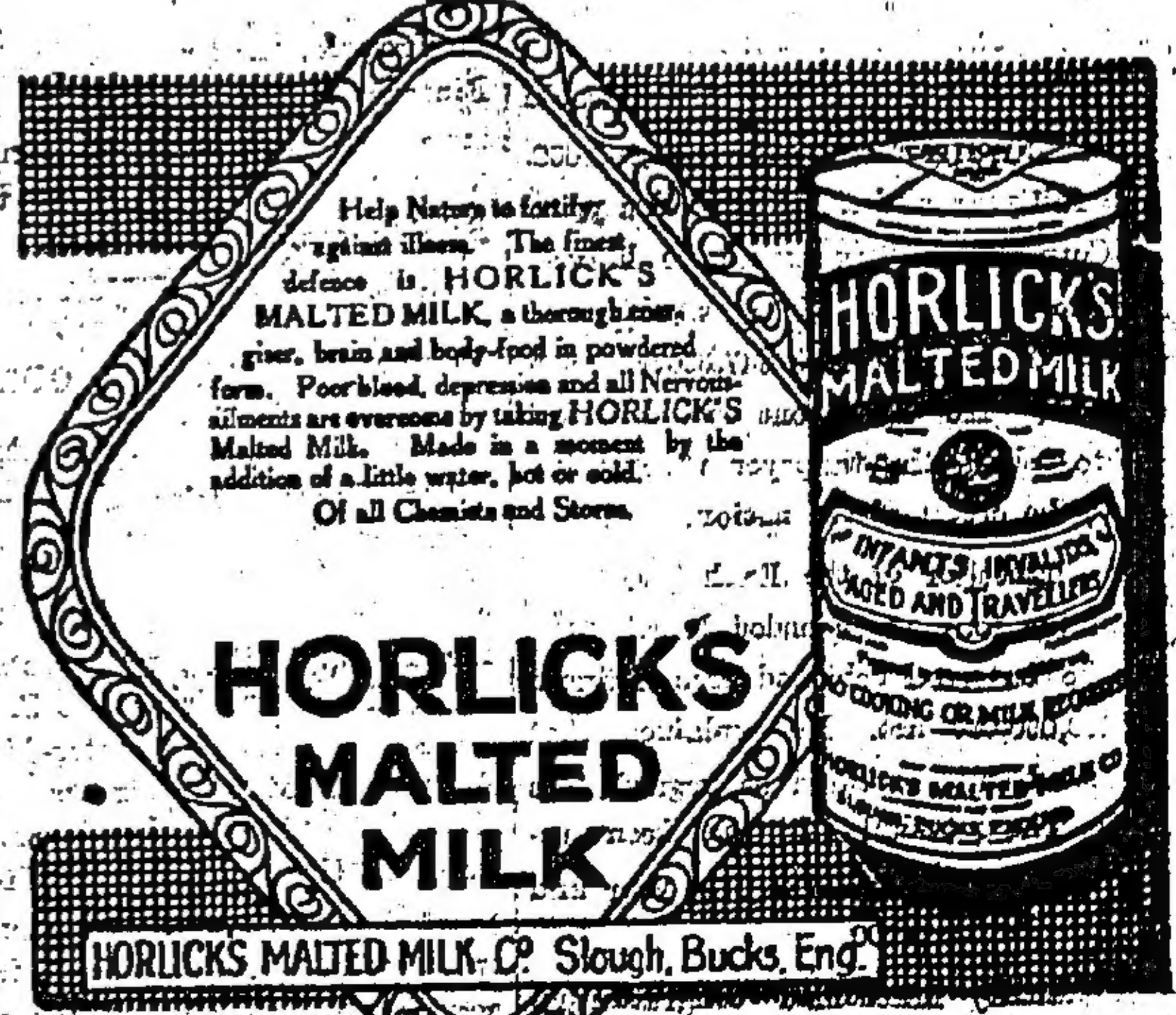
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## THE END OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

MR. SIDNEY WEBB AND THE CONSTITUTION.

The Great War (says Mr. Sidney Webb in the *Empire Review*) saw the end of the British Empire, either as it had existed under Queen Victoria or as our Imperialists conceived it. No one dissented when General Smuts publicly proclaimed this fact. Nowadays, the Dominions are officially recognised as autonomous nations, governed each within the broad ambit of its own affairs by its own Ministry, which is responsible only to its own Legislature, for the authoritative "advice" by which it directs the executive authority within its own boundaries still wielded in the name (but only in the name) of the King. This is now the high constitutional doctrine. Any contrary view is as obsolete—in short, as treasonable to the Constitution—as the idea that the King can veto an Act of Parliament or govern independently of the House of Commons. Any one of the Ministries of the nations in the Britannic Alliance may, of course, bargain with another, and make agreements with another. One of them may tender counsel to another—Downing Street to Ottawa just as freely as Ottawa to Downing Street—possibly with unequal wisdom though always with equal independence and equal authority. They may all meet in conference to work out a common policy for independent submission by each Ministry to its own Legislature. But all the nineteenth century reservations and limitations on Responsible Government have, in one Dominion or another, gone by the board. The prerogative of mercy, the grant of titles of honour, the most drastic changes in the local constitution, adhesion or non-adhesion to the negotiation of treaties with foreign powers, the adhesion or non-adhesion to treaties negotiated by other nations of the alliance, the policy with regard to land, shipping, copyright, marriage, and even currency, and the aborigines on all these matters (as upon everything else relating to the colony), the governors, the Colonial Office, and the King himself have no more control to-day, whenever autonomy is insisted on, than they have over the House of Commons. Australia and Canada, South Africa and New Zealand appoint, whenever they desire, their own representatives to international conferences; conclude and ratify international treaties, and enter the League of Nations (as they have long belonged to the International Postal Union), on the same footing as the unquestioned independent sovereign States of the world. Even the right of separate diplomatic representation at the capital of a foreign state is conceded. So far as concerns what are commonly known as the dominions, the constitutional historian sums it up by saying that the British Empire has been replaced by a Britannic Alliance, which has even been officially and authoritatively given a new name by Act of Parliament. In the Treaty with the Irish Free State—signed, it will be remembered, by the representatives of the King for Great Britain, as well as by those who acted for Ireland—what was once the British Empire, is, in the form of oath for the Irish Parliament, formally and officially termed the British Commonwealth of Nations. This, by the Irish Free State Constitution Act, 1922, is now the legal designation. Anyone to-day who talks of the British Empire is out of date.

## DRINK HOURS IN ENGLAND.

LORD BIRKENHEAD AND THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

The Bishop of London has been spared the risk of having to fulfil his undertaking to die on the doorstep of the House of Lords rather than allow the Licensing Bill of Lord Asquith to go through Parliament. It was rejected last month, on second reading without being carried to a division. The purpose of the Bill was to remove the present anomalies in the closing hours of public-houses by introducing a uniform closing hour of 11 o'clock in the metropolis and 10 o'clock in the rest of the country on week-days and a universal closing hour of 10 o'clock on Sundays. The Bishop of London said that for the sake of people in Central London it was proposed to put 4,500,000 people now under the 10 o'clock rule under the 11 o'clock rule. He produced letters, telegrams, and even a telephone message protesting against the proposal. The Mayor of Whitechapel had telephoned that the difference between 10 and 11 o'clock would be the difference between Heaven and hell for the children of East London. The case of Central London, said the Bishop, should be met by the introduction of separate restaurant licences. Lord Birkenhead said there was not the slightest prospect of the Bill making any progress, but having regard to the extraordinary experiment proceeding in the United States, it was desirable that they should carefully examine any proposals brought forward.

Another reason for examining the policy carefully was that it was one which threatened to involve the right rev. prelate in either hysterics or extinction. (Laughter.) Licensing justices were actuated far less by wisdom than by enthusiasm. Their endeavour had been to make the public-house a place to which no really nice-minded artisan could take his wife. They had even forbidden the playing of draughts.

The Vicar of Islington had said that most frequenters of public-houses were in favour of closing at 10 o'clock. If that were true it was a remarkable statement. "Would it not be much simpler for these people to leave the public-houses at 10 o'clock?" he inquired with a touch of sarcasm. "From the point of view of the education of the public, how much

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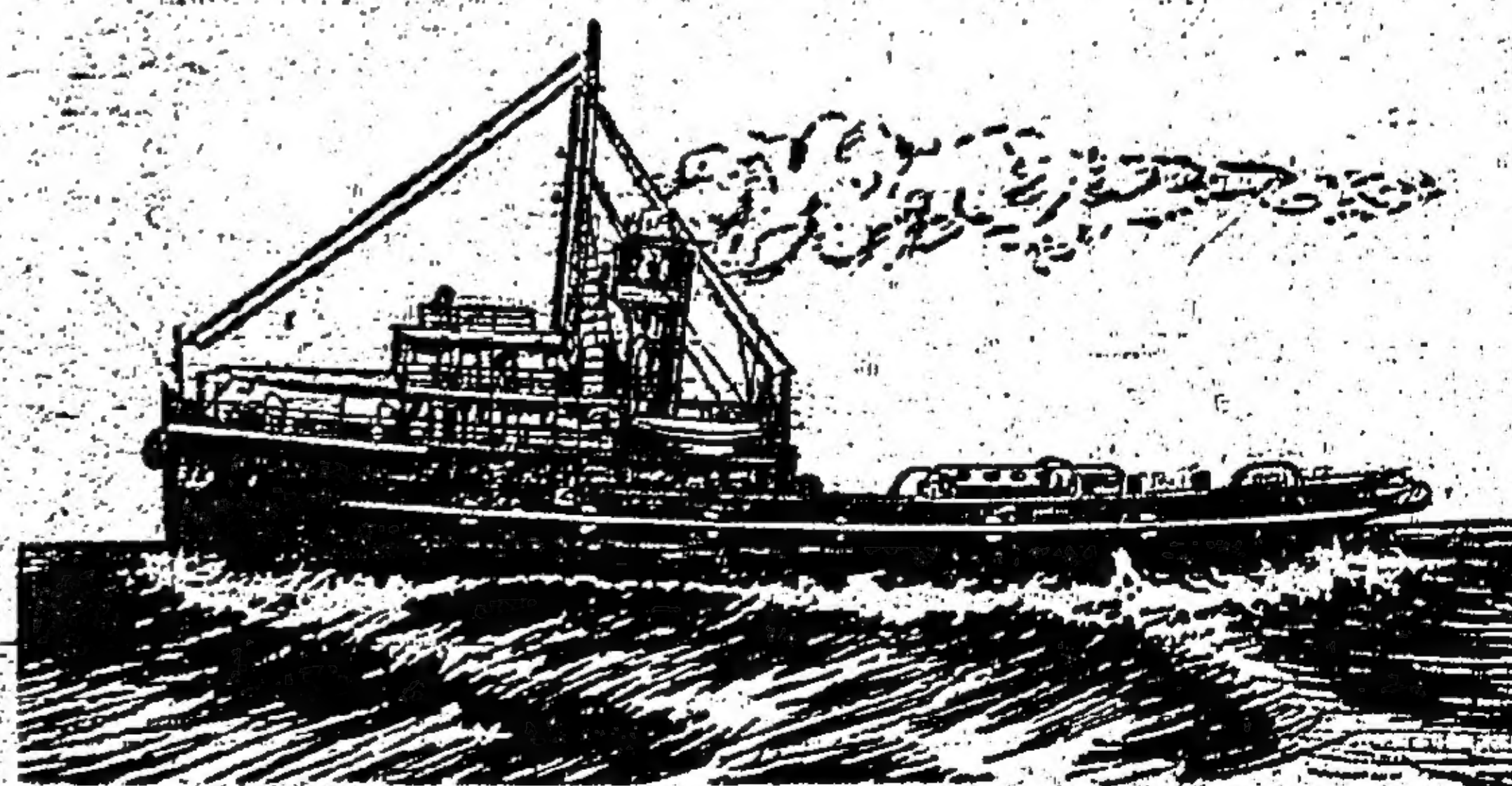
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"KARMA"	6,068	2nd May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"SIGILIA"	6,813	3rd May	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	9th May	Singapore, Penang & Bombay.
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"NYANZA"	7,000	30th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"SARDINIA"	6,580	13th June	do.
"DELTA"	6,067	17th June	do.
"SIGILIA"	6,813	26th June	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,541	11th July	Marseilles, London & Antwerp.
"DEVANHA"	8,094	15th July	do.
"SOUHAN"	6,686	26th July	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
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"KASHMIR"	8,241	22nd Aug.	do.

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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	5th May	Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
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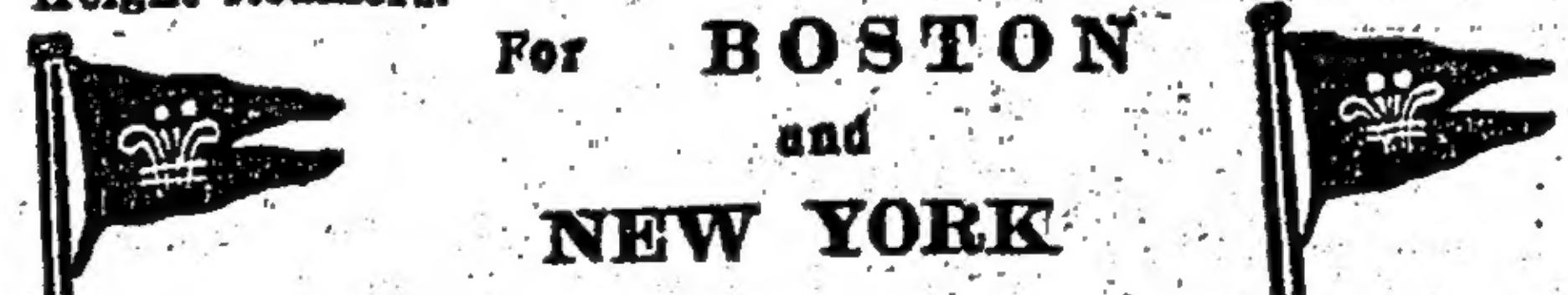
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SWATOW, AMOY & SHANGHAI	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 20th Apr. 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SINKIANG"	On 21st Apr. 10 a.m.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"YUNNAN"	On 22nd Apr. 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KINGYUAN"	On 22nd Apr. Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & PUKOW	"LIANGCHOW"	On 22nd Apr. 4 p.m.
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